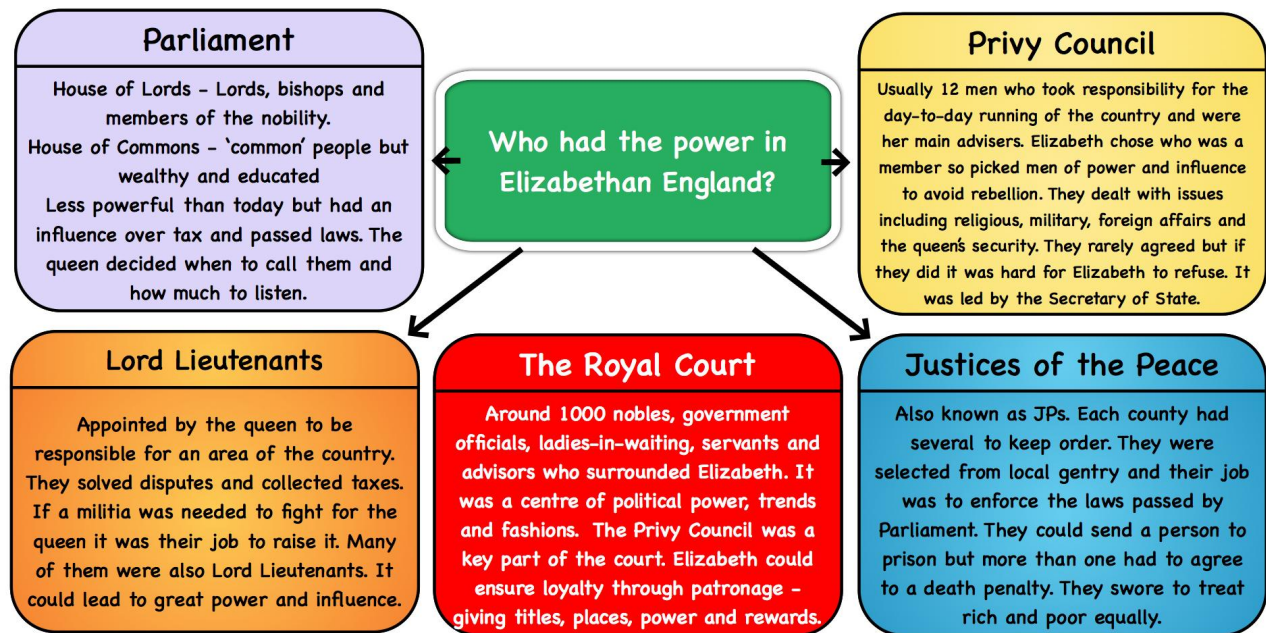


History Knowledge Organiser

Elizabethan England c.1568-1603 Elizabeth's court and Parliament

Who had the power?



Key individuals



Queen Elizabeth I - single female ruler at a time when men had the power. Was very intelligent but had a difficult childhood.

William Cecil Secretary of State twice. Most trusted advisor. Key role in developing the Poor Laws and new religious policies.



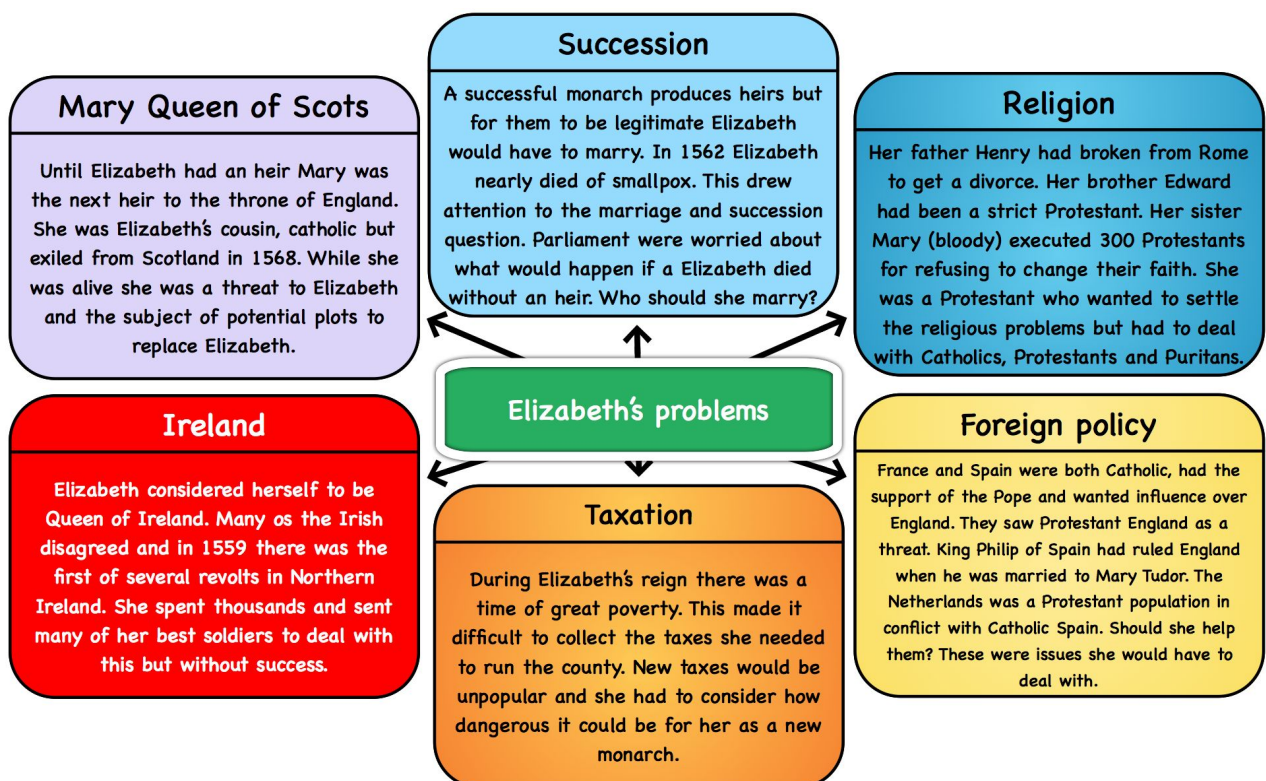
Francis Walsingham - Secretary of State and one of her closest advisors until his death in 1573. Elizabeth's spymaster with 'eyes and ears' everywhere. Played role in the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots.



Key dates

1533	Elizabeth born to Anne Boleyn
1558	Crowned Queen of England following the death of her sister Mary
1569	The Northern Rebellion
1571	The Ridolfi Plot
1586	The Babington Plot
1587	Mary Queen of Scots executed
1588	The Spanish Armada
1601	Essex's rebellion
1603	Elizabeth dies

Elizabeth's problems



KEY VOCABULARY/TERMS

Inherit, treason, privy council, Secretary of State, patronage, succession, heir, rebellion, Catholic, Protestant, Puritan, Foreign policy, JPs, taxation, Lord Lieutenants, Royal Court.

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Key words

Make sure you understand what each word means and try to use it in a practice answer.

Write an account... 8 marks

- Write an account of the problems Elizabeth faced in the first ten years of her reign.
- Write an account of the career of the Earl of Essex.
- Write an account of a rebellion you have studied that took place in Elizabeth's reign.

Explain... 8 marks

- Explain what was important about the Privy Council.
- Explain what was important about Elizabeth's decision regarding her marriage.

How convincing is interpretation...about... 8 marks

- How convincing is Interpretation C about the reasons why Elizabeth did not get married? Explain your answer using Interpretation C and your contextual knowledge.

Interpretation C Written by the historian Hugh Oakley Arnold-Forster, in A History of England 1898

“Who was the queen's husband to be, and what power was he to have over the government of the country? If he were a foreigner there was no knowing what power he might get over the Queen, power which he would very likely use forth egos of a foreign country and not the good of England. On the other hand, if he were an Englishman, he must but chosen from among the queen's subjects, and then it was certain that there would be jealousy and strife among all the great nobles in the country when they saw one of their number picked out and made king over them.”