

# Exciting Explorations

How did Elizabeth 1st bring peace to England and expand her power in the rest of the world?

**Golden Thread: Exploration and Trade**

**Building on Year 2 Lands of Ice and Fire in understanding Europe as a continent.**

**Previous Year 3 topic – Conflict and Resolution**

**Chronology: 1533 - 1603**

**Year 3 Spring 2**

## 1. How did Elizabeth bring a period of settlement to England after the reign of Mary 1<sup>st</sup>?

- Explain who Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> was and the religion she practised
- Investigate how Elizabeth brought peace and settlement to England after religious conflict.
- How Elizabeth portrayed herself as a strong monarch to help bring stability.
- Identify the chronology of the Tudor Monarch using a timeline



## 2. How did Sir Francis Drake circumnavigate the globe?

- Explain that Drake was an explorer and that he was the first person to travel around the world.
- Know that Drake plundered treasure from the Spanish.
- Understand that some people would call him a pirate, particularly in Spain, whilst Elizabeth I thought he was an explorer.



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## Changing Power of the Monarchy

## 3. Was Sir Francis Drake an explorer or a pirate?

- Explain that a pirate was someone who robbed ships of their treasure for himself.
- Know that Drake stole treasure for Spanish ships on the orders of the Queen
- Explain why Drake was a privateer however the Spanish saw him as a pirate.



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## 4. Why did Phillip of Spain send an Armada to attack England?

- Understand that Phillip as a catholic thought that Mary Queen of Scots was the rightful heir to the English throne but Elizabeth had her executed.
- Know that Phillip was angry at the treasure being plundered from his ships by Drake.
- Understand that as Britain increased its naval power so Spain's decreased.



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## 5. Why did Sir Walter Raleigh set out to discover the legendary city of El Dorado, the golden city?

- Understand that Elizabeth encouraged exploration to new lands by offering to give the explorers a share in the plundered treasure.
- Know that Raleigh wished to gain favour with the Queen after he had married her maid and was imprisoned in the tower.
- Understand that he was unsuccessful in establishing a colony on the east coast of America and in finding El Dorado.



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## Assessment task:

What do we know about Elizabeth I? Use a portrait of Elizabeth I and identify what the portrait shows us about Elizabeth.

