

# History Knowledge Organiser 2

## Elizabeth - Troubles at home and abroad

### Key individuals

**Mary Queen of Scots** - heir to the throne of England  
**Pope Pius V** - excommunicated Elizabeth  
**Sir William Cecil** - Secretary of State  
**Cardinal William-Allen** - involved in the Throckmorton Plot and Spanish Armada  
**Edmund Campion** - Jesuit  
**Anthony Babington**  
**Sir Francis Walsingham** - Secretary of State and Spymaster  
**King Philip of Spain**  
**Duke Medina Sidonia** - in charge of the Spanish Armada  
**William of Orange** - Protestant who led a rebellion against Spain in the Netherlands.

### Religion

Elizabeth was Protestant but inherited the upheaval of the Reformation and her families changes. As a practical monarch she tried to bring compromise with her 'religious settlement'. This included priests could marry, book of common prayer and she declared herself 'governor'. Catholics - recusancy fines were low and many kept their own beliefs. Following the Papal Bull which excommunicated Elizabeth, Catholics were encouraged to rise against her. There was a change in policy clamping down on them - see dates. Jesuits were sent to convert Protestants back to Catholic including Edmund Campion who was executed becoming a martyr. Puritans - strict protestants were disappointed in the settlement. Their prophesying criticised Elizabeth's church and in 1583 they were banned from unlicensed preaching and imposed recusancy fines.

### Mary Queen of Scots

Mary was Queen of Scotland from 8 days old but was brought up in France. She returned to Scotland in 1560 but was very unpopular. It was suggested that she had been involved in the murder of her second husband Lord Darnley. In 1567 she fled from Scotland and her son James became King of Scotland. Mary was placed under house arrest and was moved around for 19 years. Mary was the legitimate heir to the English throne and was Catholic, this made her a threat to the childless Elizabeth. Several plots planned to put her on the throne but during the Babington Plot Walsingham found evidence that she knew of the plot. Mary was put on trial in October 1586 and found guilty of treason even though she argued that as she was not English and a Queen they had no right. On 8/2/1587 Mary was executed at Fotheringhay Castle making her a martyr.

### Conflict with Spain

Causes - Philip had been married to Mary Tudor and wanted England to be Catholic again. He had asked Elizabeth to marry him but she married England. Elizabeth authorised the sea dogs to steal Spanish Silver. Elizabeth also sent troops to help with William of Orange's rebellion against Spain. in naval warfare meant ships were faster and more maneuverable. They had more powerful weapons and more accurate navigation with the astrolabe. The Armada failed because of poor tactics by the Spanish including having a seasick man in charge - Duke Medina Sidonia. The English tactics including the use of fire ships. This was then followed by terrible storms that wrecked many of the Spanish ships on their way back round Scotland.

### Key dates

1567	Mary Queen of Scots comes to England.
1569	The Northern Rebellion
27 April 1570	Pope Pius V issued the Papal Bull and excommunicated
1571	The Ridolfi Plot. Recusancy fines.
1581	Treason to attend Catholic mass. Recusancy fines increased.
1583	The Throckmorton Plot. Rules to crack down on Puritanism.
1585	Treason to have a Catholic priest in your home. Act against Jesuits and Seminary Priests
1586	The Babington Plot. Mary Queen of Scots put on trial.
8/2/ 1587	Mary Queen of Scots executed.
1588	The Spanish Armada
1593	Statute of Confinement - Catholics could not travel more than five miles from home.

### KEY VOCABULARY/ TERMS - Tier 3

Protestant, Catholic, Puritan, recusancy, Papal Bull, excommunicate, Jesuits, missionary, martyr, rosary beads, plot, prophesying, treason, iconoclasm, astrolabe, fireship, line of battle, armada, propaganda.