

HISTORY: Year 8 Autumn Half Term 1: The Reigns of Queen Elizabeth I & King James I

What are we learning about?

We are learning about the reign of Elizabeth I, the problems that she faced as a female monarch and the threats to her power. We will also make an assessment as to whether Elizabeth was a successful monarch, before a comparison with her successor, King James I.



Why are we learning about it?

We are learning about this in order to understand the challenges facing Queen Elizabeth and England in the 16th century. This completes our learning on the Tudors, which started in Year 7, and will build on our understanding of the changing nature of power.



What new KNOWLEDGE will I gain?

- Elizabeth I's problems
- Religious tension
- The threat of Mary Queen of Scots
- Defeat of the Spanish Armada
- The Union of England & Scotland
- Guy Fawkes & the Gunpowder Plot



CONFLICT



SOCIETY



POWER



How does this build on the SKILLS I already have?

We will continue to develop our skill and sophistication within the use of Second Order Concepts. These will be embedded throughout and build on our use of them in Year 7.



What new SKILLS will I develop?

We will develop our use of the Second Order Concepts;

- SIGNIFICANCE
- CHANGE AND CONTINUITY
- CAUSATION
- CONSEQUENCES
- COMPARISON
- CHRONOLOGY
- SOURCES/INTERPRETATIONS



How does this build on the KNOWLEDGE I already have?

This builds on knowledge gained in Year 7, by delving deeper in to the exploration of the concepts of Power, Conflict and Society. As with William I and Henry VIII, this half term you will consider Elizabeth's turbulent reign and religious difficulties.