

KS1 History



Two Queens called Elizabeth



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Teachers Notes:

The unit aims to explore the historical concepts of **similarity** and **difference** over time. The unit will support pupils in grasping longer chronological narratives through comparing the lives of two women.

During the unit, pupils will gradually build their vocabulary of key substantive concepts such as **monarchy** whilst developing a sense of change over time, and that the past is often very similar to the present.

The unit uses a variety of **primary sources** and provides questions that you can use to support pupils' **critical thinking**, for example,

Why did Elizabeth I only let her friends paint her picture?

Also the unit helps pupils develop their **inference** skills, such as what you can and cannot learn from a picture.

What does the painting not tell us about the Spanish Armada?

The unit also highlights out the connectives that support pupils writing whilst repeating the key idea behind the concept of similarity and difference.

The booklet is designed as a resource for you to use with the children. You can pick elements of the booklet for your slides and to photocopy for lessons.

Queen Elizabeth II



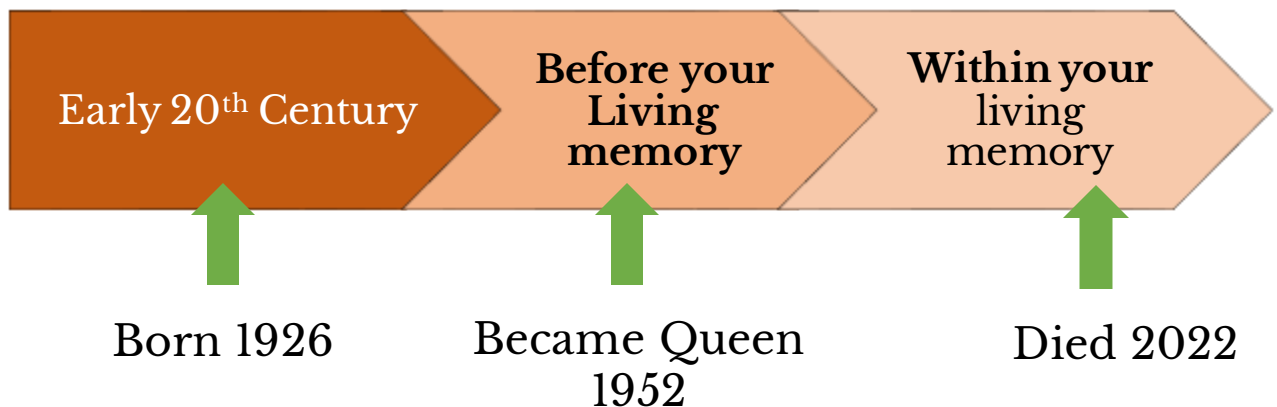
This is a photograph of Queen Elizabeth II. What clues are there that she was a queen?



Who was Queen Elizabeth II?

The current monarch is King Charles II. He inherited the throne when his mother died. He is the eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II who died in 2022.

Queen Elizabeth II reigned for longer than any other monarch in British history, becoming a significant and respected figure across the globe.



Queen Elizabeth II was born in London in 1926. She inherited the throne in 1952 when she was 25 years old. She died in 2022, when she was 96 years old. You might remember when she died as this is within your living memory.

New words

Queen - a very important woman who rules the country.

Monarchy - a country ruled by a king or queen.

Reign – how long a king or queen is the monarch.

Inherited - received after someone dies.

Head of State- is head of the country with no power

Coronation – When a King or Queen are crowned

The role of the Queen

The Queen was the Head of State. She had lots of important jobs.



What was the Queen doing?



What does a monarch do?






Activity
time

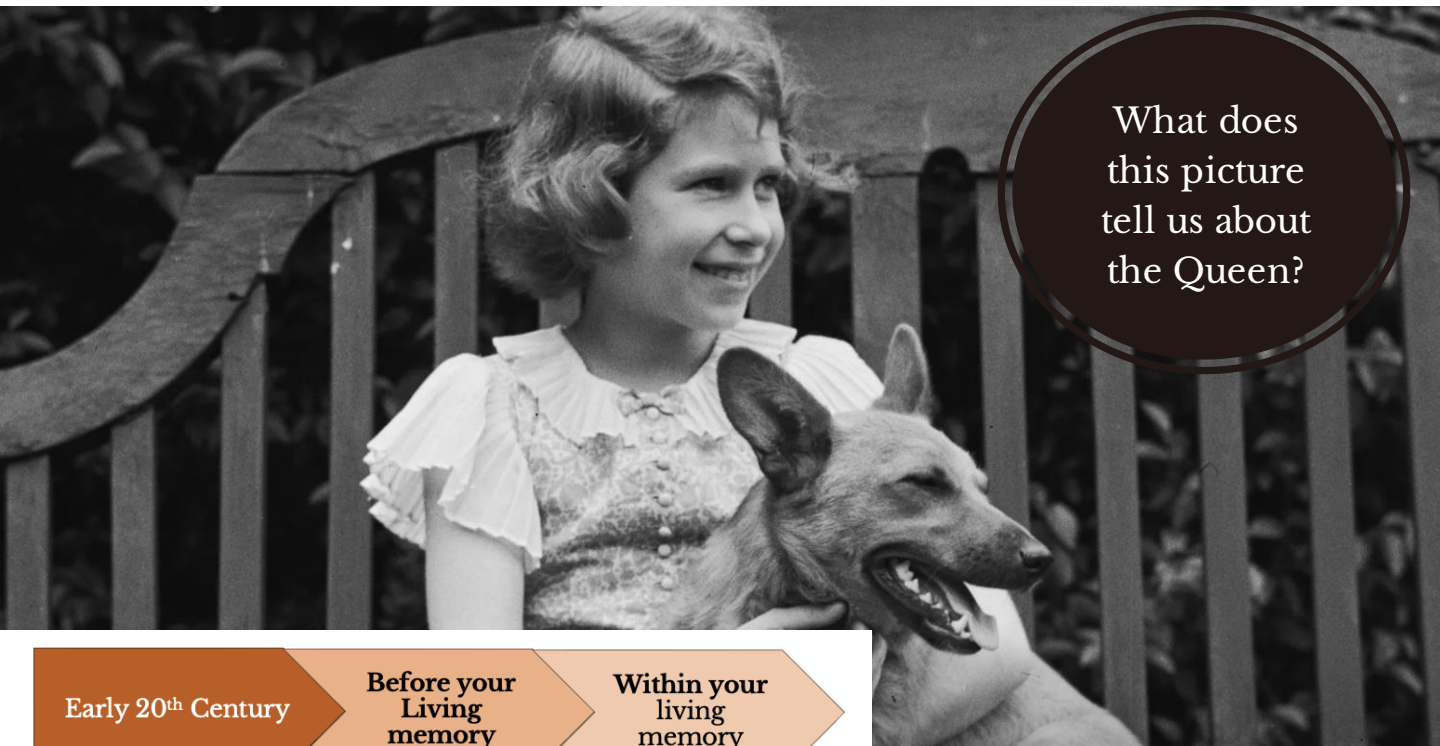
What is a monarch?

A monarch is _____

A monarch has many jobs. A monarch

	<p>...is in charge of the Armed Forces and visits soldiers.</p>
	<p>...meets lots of important people from around the world.</p>
	<p>...makes lots of speeches.</p>

Queen Elizabeth II as a child



What does this picture tell us about the Queen?

Early 20th Century

Before your Living memory

Within your living memory

↑
Born 1926

The Queen was born on the 21st April 1926 in London. Instead of going to school, teachers would go to her house and educate her at home. Elizabeth learnt how to speak French. She also learnt to ride horses and became a great swimmer. She also became a Girl Guide. She had a sister called Margaret.



Was the Queen's life similar or different to yours?



Activity
time

Same

Different



She was
a girl
guide



She
loved
horses



She learnt
at home



She lived
in a palace



She had
a sister



She
played
with toys



She had a
pet dog

The Second World War before she became Queen.

A significant event



In 1939,
Britain went
to war with
Germany.
The war
lasted six
years.



During the war, the Queen learnt how to fix cars and vans. She also learnt how to drive. She was only 18 years old.



Queen Elizabeth married the Duke of Edinburgh in 1946 before she became Queen in 1952. They had four children. Their eldest son is called Charles. He is now King. He inherited the throne when his mother died in 2022 and was crowned King in 2023.



The Queen is crowned 1952

How do we know she is Queen?



Early 20th Century

Before your
Living
memory

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living
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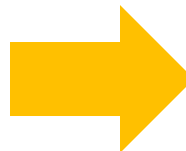
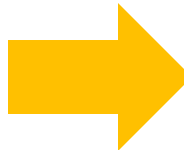
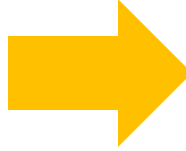
Born 1926

Became
Queen 1952

Elizabeth became Queen in 1952 after her father died. She was crowned in Westminster Abbey in London and lived in Buckingham Palace. She was 25 years old.

Many things changed

Queen Elizabeth was queen for 70 years. Lots of things changed during her reign.



Queen Elizabeth II died in 2022. After she died, her eldest son Charles inherited the throne. He was crowned King in 2023.





If there was a Queen Elizabeth the second, do you think there were any other monarchs called Elizabeth?



Queen Elizabeth I

500 years ago

400 years ago

300 years ago

200 years ago

100 years ago

Within
your
living
memory

Born 1533

Well, there were two queens called Elizabeth. The first Queen Elizabeth lived many years ago.



Queen Elizabeth I was born almost 500 years ago, in 1533. She became queen in 1558 when she was 25 years old like Elizabeth II. She died in 1603 when she was 69 years old. She was the queen for 45 years.

There are no photos of Elizabeth. Why?

Why is she so many expensive jewels?



Why is she standing on a map?

What did she want to tell people about herself in this painting?

Elizabeth was born on 7th September in Greenwich Palace in 1533.



What do you notice about her clothes?

Elizabeth I did not go to school and was educated at home. Her father was King Henry the VIII.



Which one looks like 10 year old?

When Elizabeth I was just three years old, her mother, Anne Boleyn, was executed. Elizabeth I's childhood was full of uncertainty.

The Queen took pride in her appearance and made sure she always looked her best in her fine dresses and expensive jewellery.

She never got married as she said she was married to the country instead. The queen loved sweet things and she had many rotten teeth.

Elizabeth was clever and well educated and could speak seven languages.



The role of the Queen

Elizabeth I ruled in a time when things were different from today. Queen Elizabeth I was in charge of a whole country. She could execute people she didn't trust like her cousin, Mary Queen of Scots in 1586. She made big decisions and told everyone what to do. The queen had lots of gold and precious things. This made her a powerful queen.

What clues tell us she was powerful?



Let's compare



Activity
time

Queen
Elizabeth I



Both

Queen
Elizabeth II



I am the Queen	I wear a crown	I am called Elizabeth
I was queen for 45 years	I am very powerful	I became queen when I was 25 years old
I wear modern clothes	I wear special dresses	I was queen for 70 years
I became queen after my father died	I got married and had children	My son Charles is now King
I was educated at home	I could execute people	I did not get married. ²⁵

The Spanish Armada



A significant event

During Queen Elizabeth I's time, there was a big battle called...

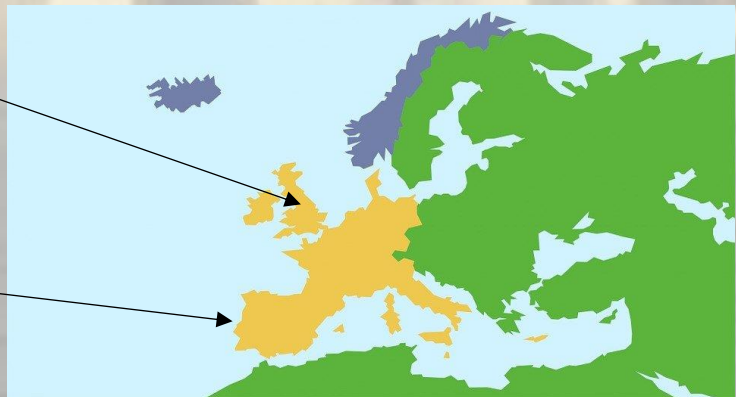
The Spanish Armada. This was a famous battle at sea between England and the country of Spain.

Spain and England are friendly with each other these days, but in those days, they were enemies and argued a lot.



England

Spain



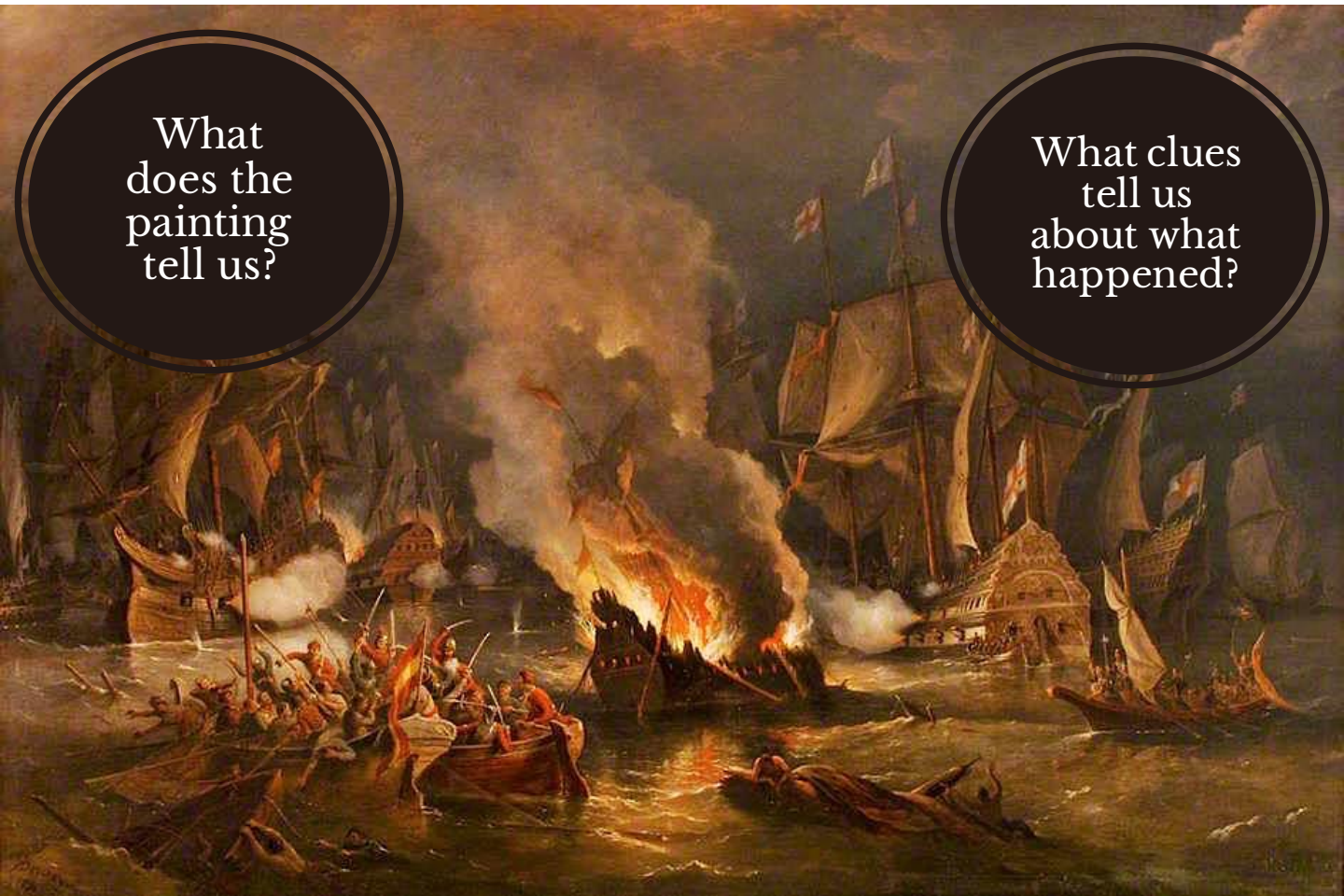
When Elizabeth I was queen of England, Spain had a monarch called **King Philip of Spain**.

The two monarchs had many reasons to dislike each other and didn't trust each other at all.



What does the painting tell us?

What clues tell us about what happened?



Philip wanted to take over England so he launched a great fleet of ships, known as the **Spanish Armada in 1588**. They set sail to conquer England and take Elizabeth's crown!



Elizabeth told her sailors to fight the Spanish ships. Then, a huge storm drove the Spanish ships away. Only half of the 130 ships made it back to Spain. The English won. This made Elizabeth very happy and popular.





This painting is a primary source. **Primary sources** are from the time.

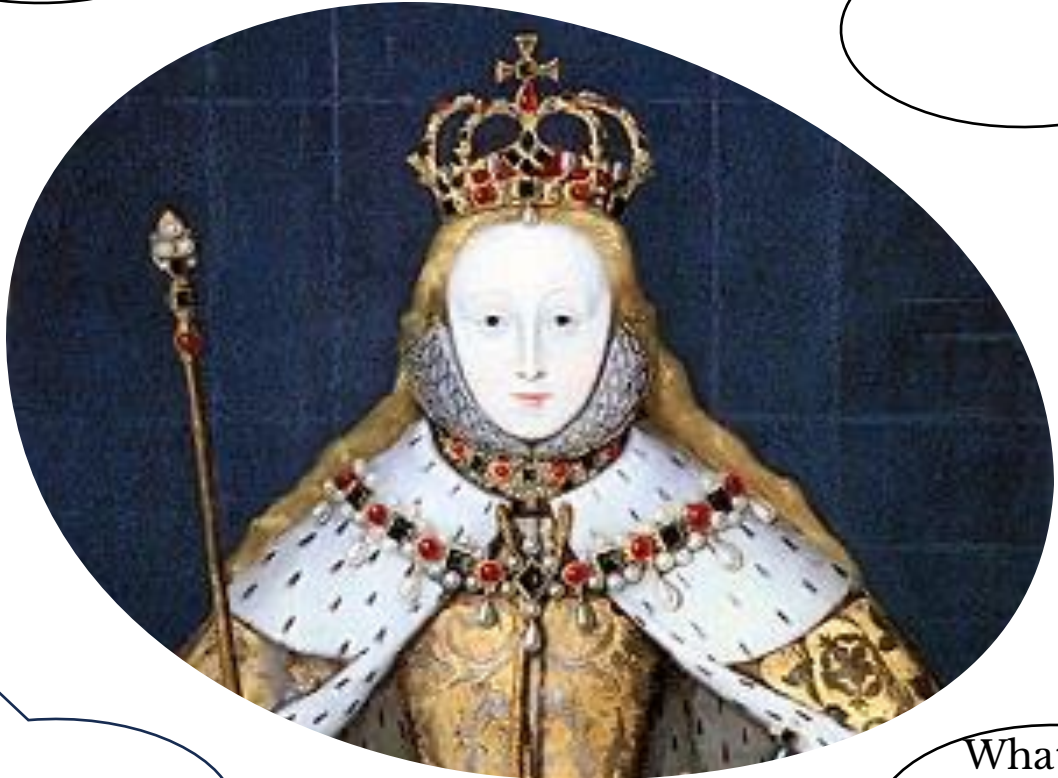
1. Do you think this painting looks like a real photograph? Why or why not?
2. Can you find the ships in the portrait? What might it have to do with the Armada?
3. What is the queen wearing? Can you describe her clothing? Why is she wearing all those jewels?
4. What did she want to show or tell people about herself in this painting?

Elizabeth I 'hotseat' challenge



Activity
time

Did you like
being a
queen?



What was
it like
being
queen?

Imagine you could go back in time,
500 years and meet Queen Elizabeth I.
What questions would you ask her?

Can you help the two queens answer each other questions?



Activity
time



Hello I am
Elizabeth 1st who
are you?



How old were
you when you
became Queen?



Did you get
married and have
children?



Did you like to
fix cars? ... *I liked
to sink ships*



Were you queen
for 45 years?



Is it true that you
were queen
longer than me?

Enquiry question: Comparison. Which queen was the most important?



I think **Queen Elizabeth I** was more important because ...

she defeated the Spanish Armada	she ruled for 45 years	she could execute people she did not trust.
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However, I think **Queen Elizabeth II** was also important because

she ruled for 70 Years	met lots of powerful people	could fix a car.
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However they were very **similar** because...

they were both educated at home	they both wore Crown Jewels	they both were very popular and ruled for a long time.
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