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| **What will we be learning?****Early Elizabethan Unit 1:****Queen, Government and Religion 1558-1569** | **Why this? Why now?**This is the first Unit for Elizabethan England that introduces the problems Elizabeth faced when she became queen. There was much religious change under the Tudors and Elizabeth had to find a way of dealing with these issues. Many people objected to Elizabeth’s coronation in 1558 and she faced questions over her legitimacy, with many preferring Mary Queen of Scots, and whether a woman could rule effectively.  | **Key Words:****See Glossary****Key People****Elizabeth I****Mary Queen of Scots****Walsingham****Cecil****Phillip II****Mary I****Henry VIII****Anne Boleyn** **Francis II** |
| **What will we learn?**

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| 1. **THE SITUATION ON ELIZABETH’S ACCESSION**
* Elizabethan England in 1558:  society and government
* The Virgin Queen:  the problem of her legitimacy, gender, marriage.  Her character and strengths
* Challenges at home and from abroad:  the French threat, financial weaknesses
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| **2.     THE ‘SETTLEMENT OF RELIGION’** * Religious divisions in England in 1558
* Elizabeth’s religious settlement (1559): its features and impact
* The Church of England: its role in society
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| **3.     CHALLENGES TO THE RELIGIOUS SETTLEMENT** * The nature and extent of the Puritan challenge
* The nature and extent of the Catholic challenge, including the role of the nobility, Papacy and foreign powers
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| **4.     THE PROBLEM OF MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS** * Mary, Queen of Scots: her claim to the English throne, her arrival in England in 1568
* Relations between Elizabeth and Mary, 1568-69
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| **What opportunities are there for wider study?** **Careers:** * Archivist
* Librarian
* Doctor
* Journalist

**Trips:** * Elizabeth on trial production
* Guest Lectures at Chalke Valley History Festival

**Further Reading:** Pearson Elizabeth TextbookElizabeth I – Helen CastorThe Time Travellers Guide to Elizabethan England – Ian Mortimer  |
| **How will I be assessed?*** **Y10 Mock Exam**
* Regular Knowledge Tests and Seneca completion
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