What do you already know about Queen Elizabeth I?
Who was Elizabeth I?
Elizabeth was Queen of England, Ireland and Wales from 1558 to 1603. She gave her name to the 'Elizabethan Age'. It was an exciting time in English history. This was the age of William Shakespeare's plays, Francis Drake's voyages, and the sea battles against the Spanish Armada.
When did she live?
Elizabeth was the daughter of King Henry VIII. She was born in 1533. Her father Henry VIII was head of the Church of England.
Queen Elizabeth’s Problems
1558-1603

Elizabeth became Queen of England in 1558. She died in 1603.
All new monarchs face problems, but I had a particularly challenging time. Remember that I am

* female
* young (only 25)
* unmarried
* Protestant
* the daughter of Anne Boleyn
Your Task

❖ You are an expert in foreign and domestic policy
❖ It is your job to advise the new queen Elizabeth, leader of England
❖ You will be told about various problems and given a choice of three policies to follow.
❖ Choose wisely. Your success will be rewarded. Failure will be punished as the queen may lose the throne and you will lose your head!
Your policy has very clear aims:

- Get the new queen established on the throne.
- Protect her from her enemies, both political and religious.
- Make the economy of the country strong.
- Maintain the Tudor royal family.
England has suffered under your sisters’ Catholic rule
Many people were outraged by her burning of heretics
The Catholics want things to remain the same, and have powerful friends in the form of Spain
Some Protestants want to take things further than you would like.
You want a fair religion that will satisfy as many people as possible.
Crisis: RELIGION

A

Keep the country Catholic to avoid yet another religious change.

B

Go back to the Protestant Church and let Catholics worship privately.

C

Make the Protestants happy by burning Catholics at the stake.
Crisis: RELIGION

A
30 Points

B
10 Points

C
20 Points
You are only 25 years old
England desperately needs an heir
Your father had gone to a lot of trouble to get one
Not having an heir might lead to war
You could marry later
Stay single

Marry an Englishman

Marry the Catholic Phillip of Spain to keep friends with them.
Crisis: Marriage

A
10 Points

B
20 Points

C
30 Points
Mary is your stepsister
She is also a catholic
She fled Scotland after the murder of her husband.
Some people might support her claim to your throne.
Crisis: Mary Queen of Scots

A. Keep her imprisoned in England

B. Give her back to the Scots for possible execution

C. Help her to get her Scottish throne back.
Crisis: Mary Queen of Scots

A
20 Points

B
10 Points

C
30 Points
Crisis: Your looks!

- As you get older, the mirror show the lines in your face
- Your hair is going grey
- Your teeth are suffering and have started to rot
- The strength of a country is judged by the beauty and good health of her queen.
A

Refuse to have any more portraits of yourself painted.

B

Accept that there is nothing you can do about it and act graciously.

C

Have especially beautiful portraits painted of you and send them to everyone.
Crisis: Your looks!

A

30 Points

B

20 Points

C

10 Points
There are food shortages in the country
There are a large number of unemployed people who are begging
Some people are dying.

Crisis: Starvation
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A
- Pass extra laws against beggars to stop any trouble

B
- Ignore it- it happens all the time!

C
- Send them more food to help them through the crisis
Crisis: Starvation

A
10 Points

B
30 Points

C
20 Points
Add up your scores

7 6 8

+ 4 8 3

?
How did you do?

120 - 150 Points
Your advice was really good
For someone who wanted to get rid of Elizabeth and die!
Pack your suitcase and escape while you still have a head!
90 – 110 Points

You are not as good as people first thought in the advice that you have given the queen.

She will probably tell you to retire from politics, but at least you will be able to keep your head.
How did you do?

50 – 80 Points
Very impressive advice
You helped the queen make the best possible decisions under difficult circumstances.
You will be rewarded with a title of your choice and an annual salary of gold.

Your new coat of arms
What did Elizabeth do?

- Religion
- Marriage
- Mary Queen of Scots
- Her looks
- Starvation
Elizabeth’s image

• Elizabeth knew that her image was very important.
• She could use it as propaganda, to spread the tales of her power, wealth and strength.
These two pictures are from modern films about Elizabeth. They are based on contemporary accounts of Elizabeth’s ‘Tilbury Speech’ before the Spanish Armada attacked England.

1. What is Elizabeth wearing?  
2. Why do you think she chose to wear this kind of outfit?
Symbolism

- Symbols were used in portraits to tell the person looking at it all about the person in the picture.
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Eyes and ears
These show that Elizabeth hears and sees everything and so knows what is happening in her country,
Rainbow
This shows Elizabeth brings peace after stormy times.
Flowers and Pearls
These are signs of youth and chastity (i.e., she is pure, not married).
The Jewelled globe
This means Elizabeth is wise in both affairs of the heart and mind.
**Jewelled Glove**

This shows that men are prepared to throw down the gauntlet for Elizabeth. They will fight a duel for her honour.
Bridal hair
This is a sign of Elizabeth’s youth and virginity.
Huge head dress
This is to show that Elizabeth will always bring food to her people. It supports her royal crown.
The serpent and heart
The serpent is a sign of wisdom.
The heart is a symbol that Elizabeth loves and possesses her people.
Together they show that Elizabeth has the wisdom to control her heart.
Angel’s wings
These show that Elizabeth has heavenly knowledge. She has been given her power by God.
Your portrait of Elizabeth

- Your task is to create an image of Elizabeth which conveys all of her characteristics
  - Strength - married to her country
  - Power - purity
  - Wealth
  - intelligences