Knowledge Organiser – Topic One: Queen, Government and religion 1558-69

Elizabethan Britain	Key Words	
Elizabeth I was the daughter of Henry VIII, she was queen	The clergy	People who are trained to carry out religious
Nov 1558- March 1603., following the death of Mary I.		services, e.g. a priest
Key events	Reformation	The change from the Catholic to the Protestant
1558 Elizabeth becomes Queen		Church in England as the main religion
	Monarch	The King or Queen
1559 The religious settlement	Privy Council	The group of ministers chosen to advise the Queen
1568 Mary Queen of Scots flees to England from Scotland	Illegitimate	Where parents aren't married when a baby is born
Key Concepts	Lord Treasurer	Member of the Privy Councillor in charge of money
Religious Settlement–	Puritans	Extreme Protestants
Religion caused problems in England following Henry VII's	Crucifixes	Images of Jesus on the cross
changes to allow him to get married. Trying to find a	Vestments	Catholic priest's clothing
solution how religion was followed in England was key to a peaceful and successful reign as queen for Elizabeth.	Succession	The way of deciding who will be the next King or
Legitimacy- Having a legitimate or good claim to the throne	Heretic	Queen Someone whose beliefs do not agree with the
was important to a King or Queen. This meant that it		Church
would be less likely for someone to try to overthrow the	Heir	Person next to become the King or Queen
ruler. Elizabeth struggled with this due to Henry VIII's	Recusant	A person who refused to accept the change from the
divorces.		Catholic to the Protestant Church.
Marriage and succession- Getting married and having an	Supreme	The title Elizabeth gave herself rather than head of
heir, preferably a baby boy, was important for all Kings and	Governor	the Church
Queens. Failure to do so could make England open to	Court	The group of people who lived with the Queen,
C .		including advisors and officials
attack or invasion. It would definitely cause problems	Justice of the	
when the monarch died if their was no clear person to	Peace	Queen
become King or Queen next.	Parliament	Chosen by the Queen, passed laws or taxes
	Yeoman	Farmers who owned their own land

Knowledge Organiser – Topic Two: Challenges to Elizabeth at home and abroad 1569-88

Key events	Key Words	Key Words	
1569- The Revolt of the Northern Earls to place Mary Queen of Scots on throne	Galleon	A sailing boat with several decks used in Spain	
1570- Pope Pius excommunicates Elizabeth1571- Ridolfi Plot	Piracy Armada	Attacking and robbing ships at sea Spanish word meaning a fleet of warships	
1576- The Spanish Fury and the Pacification of Ghent1583- Throckmorton Plot	Fire ships	A ship, set on fire, used to attack Spanish ships	
1584- Treaty of Joinville1585- Treaty of Nonsuch1586- Babington Plot	Garrison Mercenaries Excommunicate	A group of troops in a fort Soldiers who will fight for money, regardless of the country or reason To no longer be a member of the	
1587- Drake's attack on the Spanish fleet at Cadiz1588- Spanish Armada	Martyr	Catholic Church A person who is killed because of	
Key Concepts / people Spain- As the strongest country in the World, Spain was England's greatest threat and rival. They controlled much of the world trade	Revolt	their religious beliefs An uprising, where people attempt to overthrow their ruler	
and had already taken over (colonised) large parts of South America. Spain was strongly Catholic.	Vatican	Where the Pope (in charge of the Catholic Church) lives and rules from	
The Netherlands- Spain controlled the Netherlands. This was the centre of European trade and Spain controlled who could trade throughout Europe. It was also very close to England- the closest land that was controlled by Spain. There had been lots of religious problems in the Netherlands between Catholics and Protestants. Mary Queen of Scots- As the second cousin of Elizabeth, Mary was a huge threat to her. Many believed, especially Catholics, that she had a stronger claim to the throne that Elizabeth. Scotland was Catholic and had a strong alliance with Catholic France.	Secretary of State Earl	The most important person in the Privy Council A powerful noble, a title given by the Queen	
	Plotters	The people involved in an attempt to cause an uprising	
	Commercial rivalry Spymaster	Where countries fight over trade Name given to Sir Francis Walsingham	
	Fleet	A group of ships	

Knowledge Organiser – Topic Three: Elizabethan Society 1558-90

Key events
1572- Vagabonds Act
1576 - Poor Relief Act
1577-80- Francis Drake circumnavigates the world
1585- First English colony in Virginia is established
1587 - Second attempt to colonise Virginia
1590 - English sailors arrive at Roanoke to find it abandoned
1603- Elizabeth died
Key Concepts / people
Colonisation- the act of a strong country taking
over another country and running it for
themselves. During the Elizabethan period the
main area that countries like Spain were trying to
colonise was South America.
Raleigh: He was responsible for planning,
organising and financing the two voyages that
were sent to set up a colony in Virginia. Whilst he
was responsible, he did not go on the expeditions
Drake: he led pirate attacks on Spanish ships, he
circumnavigated the world, he attacked Spanish
colonies, he led the attack at Cadiz and he also led

Key Words	
Astrolabe	An instrument used by sailors to calculate their
	positions using the stars
Colony	A country that is controlled by another eg.
	Spain controlled the Netherlands
Colonists	People who have settled in a colony
New World	The name given to North and South America
Latitude and	Imaginary lines around the world used to help
longitude	locate areas for maps
Vagabonds	Wandering beggars who often turned to crime
circumnavigate	To sail around the world
Cock-fighting	Where two gamecocks have spurs attached to
	their legs and are made to fight each other
Bear-baiting	A sport where bears fight each other or another animal
Garrison	A body of troops stationed in a fort
Monasteries	A religious building, where monks would care
	for people. Shut down by Henry VIII
Inflation	Where prices increase but wages do not keep
	up.
Roanoke Island	Island where the first settlers set up camp in
	Virginia
Secotans	The Native Indians that the first settlers in
	Virginia relied upon to help them survive
Nova Albion	Name of the area in Mexico colonised by Drake
	in 1579