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Key topic 1: Elizabeth Government		☹ Not sure	😐 Almost there!	😊 Got it sussed!
Introduction: Elizabeth's life before she became Queen	• Henry VIII and his wives • Edward VI • Mary I • Elizabeth			
The Coronation and popularity of Elizabeth	• Elizabeth's Coronation • Elizabeth's popularity • The Use of Portraits • Royal Progresses			
The Royal Court	• The Royal Court • Factions in the Royal Court			
The Privy Council and Councillors	• Important Privy Councillors during Elizabeth's Reign • William Cecil, Robert Dudley, Christopher Hatton, Francis Walsingham, Robert Devereux, Robert Cecil.			
Local Government	• The Lord Lieutenant • The Sheriff • Justices of the Peace • Lesser Officers			
The Role of Parliament	• How was parliament made up. • Freedom of speech • Taxation and Finance			
Conclusion: How successful was the government of Elizabeth I?	• 'Elizabeth was a popular monarch who exercised firm control in governing the country.' How far do you agree with this statement? In your answer you might like to consider the following factors: 1 the popularity of the queen 2 the Royal Court 3 the Privy Council 4 parliament 5 and any other relevant factors you can think of.			
Key Topic 2: Lifestyles of the rich and poor		☹ Not sure	😐 Almost there!	😊 Got it sussed!
Contrasting lifestyles of rich and poor	• Social Structure in Elizabethan England and Wales • Elizabeth social structure • The lifestyle of the Rich • New building styles • The long gallery • Family and servant wings • Elizabethan mansion houses • Landscaped Gardens • Fashion • Education • The Household			
Lifestyle of the Gentry	• Homes • Fashion • Education			

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Lifestyle of the Lower Class	• Homes • The Working Day • Fashion • Education and Leisure			
Poverty in Elizabethan Times	• The Causes of Poverty			
The Issues of unemployment and vagrancy	• Types of vagrants • Local responses to vagrancy			
Government Legislation	• Previous Legislation • Elizabeth's Legislation • How successful were the Elizabethan poor laws?			
Conclusion: How did life differ for the rich and poor in Elizabethan times?	• Did the differences in the lifestyles of the rich and poor become more or less pronounced during the reign of Elizabeth I? In your answer you may wish to consider the following factors: 1 homes of the rich and poor 2 fashion 3 education 4 poverty 5 and any other relevant factors you can think of.			

Key topic 3: Popular entertainment	☹ Not sure	😐 Almost there!	☺ Got it sussed!

The importance of popular entertainment	• Cruel Sports • Cockfighting			
Entertainment enjoyed by the rich	• Hunting • Hawking • Archery • Dancing • Music and Singing • Ball Games			
The Development of the Elizabethan Theatre	• Bands of strolling players • Formation of theatre companies • Building the first theatres • Design of the theatre • Actors • Playwrights			
Attitudes towards the theatre	• Support for the theatre • Opposition to the theatre			
Conclusion: What were the most popular types of entertainment in Elizabethan times?	• 'A visit to the theatre was the most popular form of entertainment during Elizabethan times'. How far do you agree with this statement? In your answer you may wish to consider the following: 1 the attractions and popularity of the theatre 2 the attraction of cruel sports 3 other forms of popular entertainment 4 and any other relevant factors you can think of.			

Key Topic 4: The Problem of Religion	☹ Not sure	😐 Almost there!	☺ Got it sussed!

Religious problems in 1559	• Catholic views from abroad and within England • Protestant Views			

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	• Reaching a compromise			
The aims of the Religious Settlement	• Factors to consider • Elizabeth's religious beliefs			
The 'Middle' Way	• Media or 'Middle Way' • Threats posed to Elizabeth			
The Acts of Supremacy and Uniformity	• Act of Supremacy, 1559 • Act of Uniformity, 1559 • Measures to enforce the Acts • The Act of exchange 1559 • The Episcopacy – the role of the bishops			
Reactions to the Settlement	• Reactions at home • Reactions abroad			
Conclusion: How successfully did Elizabeth deal with the problems of Religion?	• 'The Religious Settlement of 1559 solved more problems than it caused.' How far do you agree with this statement? In your answer you might like to consider the following factors. 1 Elizabeth's wish to reach a compromise settlement 2 The key features of the 'middle way' 3 Reactions of the Catholics and Puritans to the Settlement 4 Reactions of foreign powers 5 and any other relevant factors you can think of.			

Key topic 5: The Catholic Threat	☹ Not sure	☺ Almost there!	☺ Got it sussed!

Early Toleration	• Attitude of toleration			
Recusancy	• Jesuits • Government response to recusancy • Case study: Edmund Campion			
The Arrival of Mary, Queen of Scots in England, 1658	• Mary sent to France • Mary returns to Scotland • Mary Darnley • Mary and Bothwell • Mary arrived in England			
The rebellion of the Northern Earls, 1569	• The causes • The events • The aftermath			
The excommunication of Elizabeth, 1570	• Response to Papal Bull			
Catholic Plots	• The Ridolfi Plot, 1571 • The Throckmorton Plot, 1583-84 • The increasing Catholic threat, 1584-85 • The Babington Plot, 1586 • The Trial of Mary, Queen of Scots, October 1586 • The execution of Mary, Queen of Scots, February 1587 • The consequences of the death of Mary, the end of the Catholic threat?			
Conclusion: Why were the Catholics such a serious threat to Elizabeth?	• 'The Northern Rebellion was the most serious of the Catholic Plots against Elizabeth.' How far do you agree with this statement? In your answer you might like to consider the following factors: 1 The seriousness of the Northern Rebellion 2 The Ridolfi Plot 3 The Throckmorton Plot 4 The Babington Plot 5 and any other relevant factors you can think of.			

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Key Topic 6: The Spanish Armada		☹ Not sure	😐 Almost there!	😊 Got it sussed!
Reasons for the Spanish Armada	• The ambitions of King Phillip II of Spain • The war in the Netherlands • The actions of English privateers in the Spanish Main			
Philip's preparation of the Armada	• Philip's Plan • Changes to the Plan • Drake's attack on Cadiz			
Threat posed by the Armada	• England prepares for the invasion			
The Course of the Armada	• Events in the Channel • Calais and the attack by the fireships • The Battle of Gravelines, 8 August • Elizabeth's rallying speech at Tilbury • Pursuing the Armada north • Returning to Spain around Scotland and Ireland			
Reasons for the failure of the Armada	• English Strengths • Spanish Weaknesses • Tactics • The Weather			
The Results of the Armada	• Armadas defeat • The significance			
Conclusion: How much of a threat was the Spanish Armada?	• 'The Spanish Armada posed a serious threat to Elizabeth.' How far do you agree with this statement? In your answer you might like to consider the following factors: 1 The size of Spanish n ava l and land forces 2 The difficulty the English had in attacking the crescent formation 3 The weakness of English land forces 4 The ability of English naval commanders 5 and any other relevant factors you can think of.			

Key topic 7: The Puritan Threat		☹ Not sure	😐 Almost there!	😊 Got it sussed!
Puritanism	• Who were the Puritans? • The role of the Bishops Puritan beliefs and practices • Different types of Puritans			
Puritan challenges to the Religious Settlement	• The Vestments Controversy, 1566 • Proposals by Thomas Cartwright, 1570 • French marriage pamphlet of John Stubbs, 1579 • The Marprelate Tracts, 1588=89			
Puritan opposition in parliament and the Privy Council	• Individuals who attempted reform within parliament • Walter Strickland, John Field and Thomas Wilcox, Peter Wentworth, Peter Turner, Anthony Cope.			
Measures taken to deal with the Puritan Challenge	• Archbishop Grindal and the 'prophesyings' • John Whitgift's attack on Presbyterianism • The development of the separatist movement in the 1850s • The Act against Seditious Sectaries, 1593			
Conclusion: Why did Puritans become an increasing threat	• 'The spread of Prophesying meetings was the most serious threat posed by the Puritan movement.' How far do you agree with this statement? In your answer you might like to consider the following factors:			

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during Elizabeth's reign?	1 The reforms demanded by Puritan MPs 2 The writings of Puritan authors 3 The Presbyterian movement 4 The separatist movement 5 and any other relevant factors you can think of.			

Review, Revise, and Relearn to MASTER this topic

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