

History Taster Lesson



The Courage of Queen Elizabeth I of England

At CNS, we think about five types of courage: bravery, standing out in a crowd, truthfulness, intentionality and faithfulness.

Think about your own life. Think about times when you have shown or struggled to show courage:



What was your bravest moment?	
When have you stood out from the crowd?	
When have you paid the price for being truthful ?	
When have you decided that you are going to make every second count ?	
When have you suffered from sticking to what you know is the right thing to do ?	
When have you not been courageous?	

Match the word to the definition with arrows. The first one has been done for you. Then match up the colours as well. Always use a pencil for drawing lines and colouring pencils (not felt tips).

BRAVERY	When you dare to be different.
UNIQUENESS	When you pay attention to everything and work hard every day to be successful.
TRUTHFULNESS	When you are put your own personal safety at risk.
INTENTIONALITY	When you tell the truth, even when it hurts.
FAITHFULNESS	When you stick to your beliefs, even when you might suffer as a result.

TODAY'S IMPORTANT WORDS

Queen	A royal leader who is female.
Treason	A crime committed against your country.
Execution	Putting a powerful person to death.
Catholics	A type of Christian who believes that the pope (who lives in Rome) is God's representative on earth.
Protestants	A type of Christian that rejects the idea that the pope is God's representative. There are many different types of protestants. For example: Anglicans, Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians.
Heir	Someone who might be the next king or queen.
Spies	Men or women who secretly watch or follow someone they suspect might be an enemy.
Plots	When people meet secretly to plan something illegal.



These might be tricky or new words that you will need to know.

WHO WAS QUEEN ELIZABETH I?



Elizabeth dad's was King Henry VIII. He was upset because he wanted Elizabeth to be a boy and then had her mother (Anne Boleyn) executed for treason.

Elizabeth spent her childhood being rejected by her father and fearing for her life.

Her father died when she was nine. Her younger brother (Edward) became king, but he died too. Her older sister (Mary), became the queen, but she only survived for a few years as well.

During Elizabeth's lifetime, there were growing arguments between two types of Christians: Protestants and Catholics. Both felt threatened by the other and believed England had to be either Catholic or Protestant.

ELIZABETH'S 1ST DILEMMA

As a child, Elizabeth was a bit of an embarrassment for King Henry VIII. Henry had ordered the execution of her mother (Anne Boleyn) and sent Elizabeth away from the palace to live alone under guard. Did she...

A: Try to run away and plot with Henry's enemies to get her revenge?

B: Ignored the threats on her life and concentrated on her studies?

What would you do? <i>Explain your decision in the box opposite.</i>	
What did Elizabeth do? <i>What type of courage did she show?</i>	



ELIZABETH'S 2ND DILEMMA

When Elizabeth's older sister became queen she soon got a nickname – "Bloody Queen Mary". Queen Mary was **Catholic**. During Queen Mary's reign, over 300 **Protestants** were burned at the stake for their beliefs. Mary wanted her younger sister to be a Catholic. *Did Elizabeth...*



A: Admit she was a Protestant, like her dead mother and brother?

B: Pretend to a Catholic, like her sister?

What would you do? <i>Explain your decision in the box opposite.</i>	
What did Elizabeth do? <i>What type of courage did she show?</i>	

ELIZABETH'S 3RD DILEMMA



When Elizabeth became Queen, all of her advisors urged her to get married and give birth to some **heirs**. They repeatedly told her that it was impossible for a country to be ruled by an unmarried woman! Did she...



A: Refuse to get married?

B: Search desperately for a suitable man?

C: Agree to be introduced to 'suitable men' and be open to the idea of getting married and having children.

What would you do? <i>Explain your decision in the box opposite.</i>	
What did Elizabeth do? <i>What type of courage did she show?</i>	

ELIZABETH'S 4TH DILEMMA

Elizabeth had a cousin who was also called Mary. Mary was Catholic and also the Queen of Scotland. Mary became very unpopular in Scotland. As a result she was forced to live in a castle in England, under Elizabeth's protection.





Elizabeth had a very good network of spies. Those **spies** discovered lots of secret plots. One of those **plots** was a secret plan to kill Elizabeth and help Mary become the Queen of England with the help of the French.

Elizabeth loved her cousin, but she also knew that such **plots** were **treason**. Elizabeth was torn between her love for her cousin and her duty to protect England from invasion. Did Elizabeth:

A: Give Mary some chances to say sorry and prove her loyalty?

B: Order Mary's execution?

C: Place Mary in a secret dungeon so that she could never plot again?

What would you do? <i>Explain your decision in the box opposite.</i>	
What did Elizabeth do? <i>What type of courage did she show?</i>	

ELIZABETH'S 5TH DILEMMA

Elizabeth's religious beliefs angered the Catholic King of Spain. King Philip II launched a massive armada of ships in 1588. He planned to destroy the Royal Navy and then invade England. Did she...




A: Try to arrange peace talk with the Spanish and King Philip?

B: Order England's coastal defences to be strengthened?

C: Order all available ships to be ready to sail and engage in war at sea?

D: Order her soldiers to stand ready to defend the coast and the City of London?

E: Trust her advisors, like Sir Francis Drake, to draw up their battle plans?

What would you do? <i>Explain your decision in the box opposite.</i>	
What did Elizabeth do? <i>What type of courage did she show?</i>	