

## Who was Queen Elizabeth I ?

- Queen Elizabeth I was a famous Queen who ruled England, Ireland and Wales from 1558 to 1603.
- She was on the throne for 45 years!
- The time she ruled was called the 'Elizabethan age' because of her name.

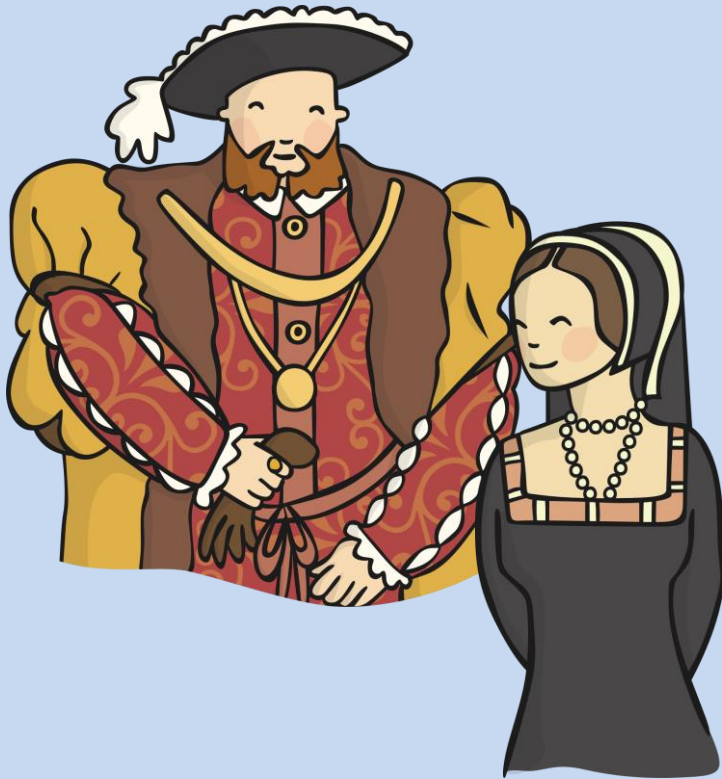


## Why is Queen Elizabeth I Famous?

- Queen Elizabeth I ruled England all by herself!
- She did not marry which meant she had no husband or king to help her.
- This was very unusual for the time.
- It was also a very exciting time as there were new ideas about religion, wars with Spain and English explorers discovered new places.



## Queen Elizabeth I's Family

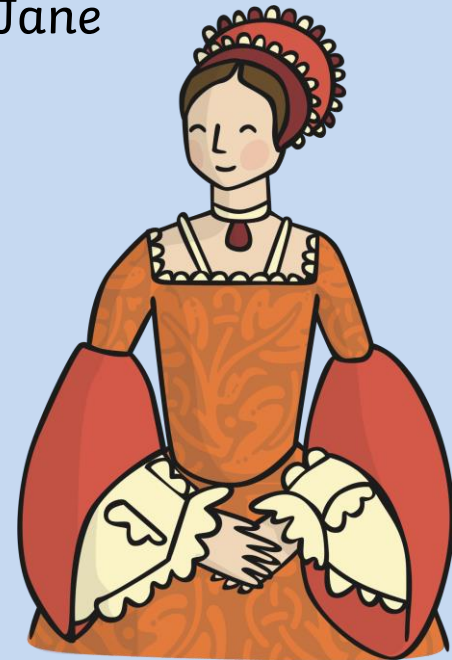


- She was born in 1533 and was the daughter to **King Henry VIII**.
- Her father, Henry VIII was well known for having many wives!
- Queen Elizabeth I's mother was **Anne Boleyn** but King Henry VIII was not happy as he wanted a baby boy!



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- King Henry VIII had Anne Boleyn (Queen Elizabeth's mum) beheaded because he thought she would never give him a son.
- Queen Elizabeth was sent to live with her sister, **Mary**.
- King Henry VIII remarried someone called Jane Seymour and she gave him a son.
- The son was called **Edward**, he was Elizabeth's brother.
- Because Elizabeth now had a brother she did not expect to become queen as boys took the throne before girls.



Mary, Elizabeth's sister

## Queen Elizabeth I's Journey to the Throne

- When Henry VIII died in 1547, Elizabeth's brother, Edward, became King.
- Edward VI died in 1553 and someone called Lady Jane Grey was queen. (For only 9 days!)
- Then Elizabeth's sister, Mary became Queen.



Edward, Elizabeth's brother



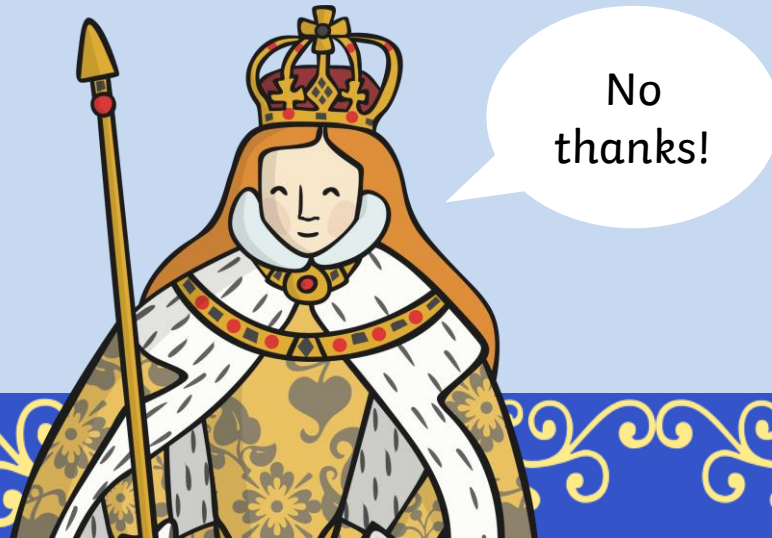
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- Sir Thomas Wyatt led a rebellion against Mary but because Elizabeth knew the plan she was locked in a tower for 8 weeks!
- When Wyatt was executed, Elizabeth was set free.
- **Mary died in 1558** which meant that Elizabeth became queen.



## Queen of England

- She was a queen who liked to get her way and had a temper.
- But she did have wise advisors to help her rule.
- She travelled around England visiting castles and grand houses.
- People wanted her to marry so that there would be someone to take the throne.
- The queen was worried that, if she married, they would want to become King!



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- Next in line to the throne was [James VI of Scotland](#), son of Mary Queen of Scots. He was also related to Elizabeth.
- He became [King James I of England](#) when Queen Elizabeth I died in [1603](#).
- She was buried in [Westminster Abbey](#) in the same tomb as her sister, Mary.





## Did you know?

- When the Queen got cross, she would throw shoes at people!
- As her red hair got thinner and faded, she wore a wig.
- Shakespeare and his actors performed for her at Christmas.

