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## **History (Specification A)**

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**Schools History Project  
Unit 2 Option C: Elizabethan England, 1558–1603**

## **Sources Booklet**

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## A view of Queen Elizabeth I

### Source A A painting of Henry VIII and his children

This painting was done in 1545. Henry VIII is in the centre. On King Henry's left is his wife, Jane Seymour, and on his right, his son, the future King Edward VI. Princess Mary is on the far right of the King and Princess Elizabeth is on his far left.



### Source B

From *The First Blast of the Trumpet against the Monstrous Regiment (Government) of Women* by John Knox in 1558. Knox was a Scottish Protestant religious leader whose views were well known in England.

To promote a woman to rule and have superiority or power over any nation is insulting to God because it goes against His design for order and government. It is the overturning of good order and all principles of justice. For no man ever saw the lion obey and bow down to the lioness.

## A different view of Queen Elizabeth I

### Source C A portrait of Queen Elizabeth I

This was painted by an English artist, George Gower, in 1588.



### Source D

This was a comment made by Pope Sixtus V in 1589. It is from a conversation written down at the time by the Venetian ambassador to Rome.

She is a great woman; if she were a Catholic no one could rival her. Just look how well she governs; she is only a woman and only controls part of an island and yet she makes England feared by Spain, by France, by the Emperor, by all countries.

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### Source E A drawing of Queen Elizabeth I in Parliament

Taken from Sir Simonds D'Ewes' book, *A Complete Journal of Parliament in the reign of Queen Elizabeth of Glorious Memory*, published in 1693. William Cecil (Lord Burghley) is sitting on the Queen's right hand side. The Queen is holding the orb and sceptre, the symbols of royal power.



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and Source G for use in answering Question 3.**

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**Source F** (for use in answering Question 2)

A picture of George Gascoigne, poet and playwright, presenting a copy of one of his plays to Queen Elizabeth in 1579. It was dedicated to the Queen.



**Source G** (for use in answering Question 3)

A picture showing the author John Stubbs, who was sentenced to have his right hand cut off in 1583 for writing and distributing Puritan books.



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