

Who was Queen Elizabeth I?



Elizabeth I was one of the most famous queens England has ever had. She was the last Tudor monarch (a monarch is a king or queen). Elizabeth I was King Henry VIII's youngest daughter, and her mother was Anne Boleyn. The time when Elizabeth I ruled England is called the Golden Age, because England was very prosperous. Elizabeth I ruled England for 44 years – a long time for a monarch to rule, in those days.

1. Elizabeth I was born on 7 September 1533.
2. Elizabeth I had a half-sister, Mary, and a half-brother, Edward. Both ruled England before she became queen.
3. Elizabeth I's mother was Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife.
4. Elizabeth I was the last Tudor monarch – she never married.
5. Elizabeth I is famous for having red hair, like her father Henry VIII.

6. The time when Elizabeth I was queen is known as England's Golden Age.
7. Elizabeth I was friends with Sir Francis Drake, who was the second person to sail around the world.
8. Elizabeth I wore thick white makeup to cover up scars on her face leftover from when she had smallpox.
9. There were quite a few plots to assassinate Elizabeth I and put her cousin Mary Queen of Scots on the throne instead. The most famous is the Babington Plot.
10. Elizabeth I died on 24 March 1603. She is buried in Westminster Abbey.