



Key Events:

1566 – Dutch revolt in protest at Spanish rule. Spain responds with an army of 10,000 to crush the revolt.

1568 – Mary, Queen of Scots arrives in England.

1569 – The Revolt of the Northern Earls.

1570 – Pope Pius V issues the Papal Bull.

1571 – Ridolfi Plot

1583 – Throckmorton Plot.

1585 – All Catholics ordered to leave England.

1586 – Babington Plot.

1587 – Execution of Mary, Queen of Scots.

1576 – Spanish forces in the Netherlands revolt having not been paid for months. It started the 'Spanish Fury'. Different Dutch groups united together against the Spanish writing the Pacification of Ghent which demanded all Spanish troops should leave the Netherlands. Elizabeth had sent £100,000 to the Dutch to help them fight.

1587 – Francis Drake attacked Spanish port of Cadiz, destroying 30 Spanish Galleon ships. This delayed plans to invade England.

1588 – Philip II of Spain launched the Spanish Armada.

Key Words

Circumnavigate	Travel around the world (Drake was the first sailor to do so)
Colonise	To settle and establish political control over an area.
Ex-communicate	To cut off all communication, no longer acknowledge.
Mercenary	Attacking and taking the goods from another ship.
Papal Bull	Written order issued by the Pope against an individual.
Recusant	Catholic refusing to attend Protestant services.
Sea Beggars	Dutch rebels who attacked Spanish galleons travelling through the English Channel.

Key people:

Mary, Queen of Scots – Catholic cousin to Elizabeth with a direct claim on the English throne. Named in several plots to kill Elizabeth, arrested and executed after 19 years in prison.

Lord Robert Dudley – Elizabeth's favourite courtier with great wealth and ambition.

Sir Francis Drake – English explorer who circumnavigated the globe and was key during the Spanish Armada.

Sir Walter Raleigh – English explorer who attempted to colonise Virginia.

King Francis II – Mary, Queen of Scots first husband the King of France. He died young and the French continued to support Mary and her claim to the English throne.

Philip II of Spain – Catholic widow of Mary I, controlled much of the New World and its trade. Tolerated Elizabeth until they clashed over Netherlands and the actions of Drake.