

OBHS Core Questions:

Subject: History

Year and Term: Year 11 Autumn 1

Topic: Elizabethan England Key Topic 3: Society in the Age of Exploration



Learn these questions to build a strong foundation of knowledge for this half-term. Ask family or friends to test you regularly, or practise on your own using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write' method.

1.	What were 'vagabonds'?	Homeless or jobless people who travelled to towns looking for work, sometimes begging.
2.	What was the problem with poverty in Elizabethan England?	It was growing, especially in towns, and seen as a threat to order.
3.	What was the difference between the 'deserving' and 'undeserving' poor?	The deserving poor couldn't work; the undeserving poor chose not to.
4.	What was the 1576 Poor Law?	It said towns must find work for the poor and those who refused could be punished.
5.	What role did local government play in dealing with poverty?	Justices of the Peace organised help and punishments for the poor.
6.	Why did education grow during Elizabeth's reign?	People wanted better jobs, and Protestants encouraged Bible reading.
7.	Who were grammar schools for?	Boys from wealthy or middle-class families.
8.	What subjects were taught at grammar schools?	Latin, Greek, history, philosophy, and religion.
9.	What was leisure like for the rich?	Hunting, dancing, and watching plays.
10.	What was a popular entertainment for all classes?	Watching plays and bear-baiting.
11.	What was the role of the theatre in Elizabethan England?	It became popular and reflected society and politics.
12.	What were the causes of exploration?	Trade, adventure, better ships, and new technology.
13.	What was the role of the printing press in exploration?	It spread stories and maps, increasing interest in travel.
14.	Who was Francis Drake?	An English explorer and privateer who circumnavigated the globe.
15.	What did Francis Drake do in 1580?	He returned to England after sailing around the world.
16.	What is a privateer?	A pirate licensed by a government to attack enemy ships.
17.	Who was Walter Raleigh?	He tried to set up colonies in America for England.
18.	What was the name of Raleigh's failed colony?	Roanoke.
19.	Why did the Roanoke colony fail?	Poor planning, lack of supplies, and conflict with the Indigenous people.
20.	How did exploration affect England's power?	It increased trade, brought wealth and grew England's navy.