

## Learning Adventure

### History Task 1:

Time to turn into history detectives!

This is a discussion based activity... no writing at this point.



I have a basket of goodies, unfortunately at this time we cannot look through in real life, but take a look at some of these pictures that show what is inside. What can you tell me about the person who owned this basket? Do you think they were female/male? Rich/poor? Their hobbies, likes/dislikes? Their job/role? What else might it tell you?



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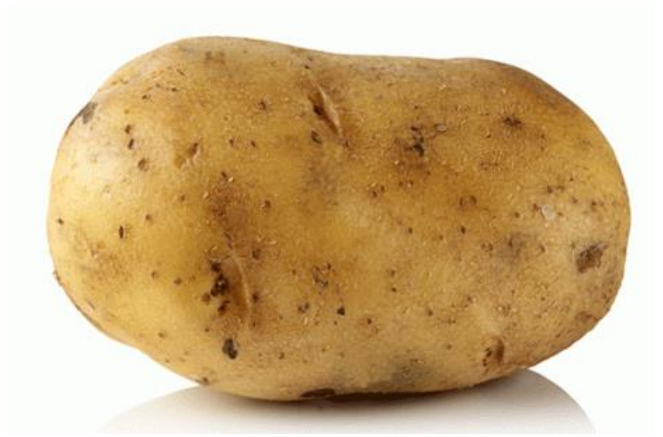
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Who was it? Answer!

Queen Elizabeth I was born on 7th September 1533 and became Queen at the age of 25. She reigned for 44 years and 127 days.



Queen Elizabeth I never married and never had any children. She thought of herself as married to her country and mother of her subjects.

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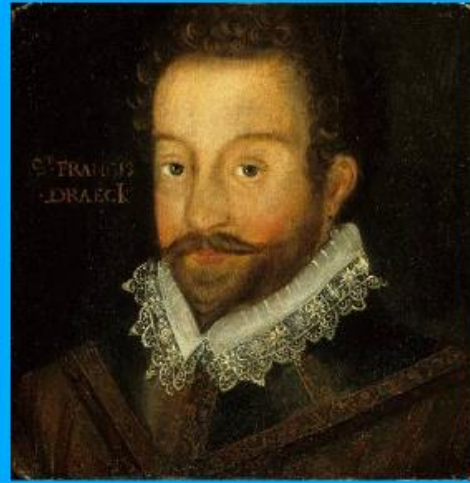
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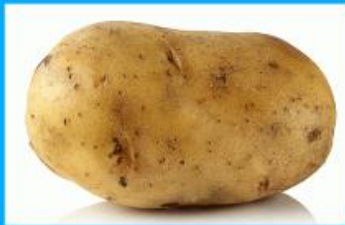
Queen Elizabeth I could understand several languages: English, Latin, Greek, Italian, French, Spanish, Welsh and even Cornish. She worked hard and learned fast. She also learned to dance, sing and play musical instruments.



Queen Elizabeth I travelled the country on horse back. She made sure that people felt her presence all over the country. Elizabeth I was keen to be seen by her subjects and went on many regional visits during her reign.



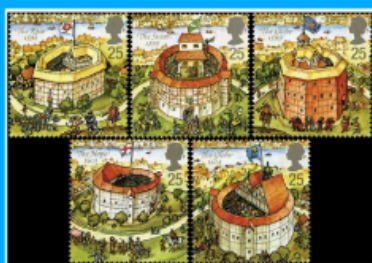
Many Elizabethan sailors explored the world. Sir Francis Drake sailed around the world in a ship called the Golden Hind. He set off on his trip in 1577.



Sir Walter Raleigh was an explorer who went to America. He brought the potato to England for the first time. People tried to eat them raw!



In 1588 King Philip of Spain sent more than 100 warships to attack England after English explorers had stolen treasure from Spanish ships. Queen Elizabeth I quickly sent ships to fight with them. There was a huge sea battle. A storm destroyed many Spanish ships. The Spanish were defeated. This is seen as a significant event during Queen Elizabeth I's reign.



Elizabeth I's reign is sometimes known as the Elizabethan Age, and was the era of William Shakespeare's plays. Elizabethans loved to see plays in playhouses like the Globe Theatre. The original Globe Theatre stood on the South bank of the River Thames and was built in 1599.



Elizabeth I is sometimes pictured as wearing thick white makeup. Although this look was apparently fashionable at the time, Elizabeth did it to cover up scars left from a bout of smallpox in 1562.

The face paint was made of white lead and vinegar!



Queen Elizabeth I would sometimes wear a frog-shaped earring, given to her as a gift from Francois, the Duke of Anjou. This was probably because Elizabeth called Francois her "frog". She could get away with saying what she wanted because she was Queen!



Sugar was a new, expensive and fashionable food, and Elizabeth I loved eating sweets. As a result, her teeth were black with decay and many of them had fallen out: foreign ambassadors found her speech difficult to understand. Poor Elizabeth was so frightened of seeing a dentist that a bishop had one of his own teeth pulled to prove that the pain was bearable.