

Paper 2: Elizabethan England 1568-1603	R/A/G
Part one: What was the Elizabethan Court and Parliament: How big, what role, jobs?	
Background of Elizabeth: upbringing, character, family history. Mum, Dad, religion, early problems	
Elizabethan Court: structure, roles, progresses, privy council etc.	
Key Ministers: William Cecil, Robert Dudley, Walsingham, Essex, Hatton, Raleigh, Robert Cecil	
Problems at start of her reign: marriage, Mary Queen of Scots, religion, taxation, parliamentary rights, succession	
Issue of Marriage: suitors, arguments for and against, impact.	

Part two: Life in Elizabethan Times:	R/A/G
Living standards and fashions: fashionable clothing- colour, start of her reign compared with end, ruffs, houses and the standard of living, materials and their wealth implications e.g. glass, brick, tapestries, wood panelling, chimneys.	
Growth of the Gentry: causes of the rise of the gentry e.g. population growth, impacts on society and social order.	
Elizabethan England Theatre: attitude towards it, start of her reign, end, Shakespeare, Burbage, why it was popular, different people in society's views towards the theatre.	
Poverty in England: reasons for the rise, attitudes towards it vagrants/ vagabonds/rogues/ deserving and underserving poor, responses by the government, reasons for government action, seriousness in society. House of Correct, Alms houses, Poor Law Act 1601	
Explorers in Elizabethan England: role of Hawkins, Drake, Raleigh, motives for exploring, discoveries, impact on society.	
Circumnavigation: explanation of the discovery by Drake, the impact it had on society, its significance at the time for England, why was it an achievement.	
Golden Age: evidence for and against this, e.g. art, theatre, science, technology, exploration, buildings, treatment of poor, Great Chain of Being and the experience of different sections.....	

Part three: Trouble at home and abroad:	R/A/G
Religions: Catholicism, Protestantism, Puritans, explanation of each beliefs, history in Tudor England, impact on society. Papal Bull 1570- excommunication of Elizabeth and consequences	
Religious Plots: key understanding of Northern Rebellion, Ridolfi plot, Babington Plot, Throckmorton Rebellion, Champion's Mission.	
Puritans: beliefs, response to Elizabeth's religious settlement, threat to Elizabeth and her solutions.	
Religious Settlement: understanding of the religious settlement, Elizabeth's actions to create a religious 'middle way', perspectives on success or failure.	
Mary Queen of Scots: background, challenges posed to Elizabeth, impact, Elizabeth and Parliament's treatment of Mary, impact/consequences.	
Spanish Armada: causes, events, outcomes and consequences on Elizabeth's power and reign in England and internationally.	
Naval Warfare: describe the tactics and technology used by the British fleet.	
Essex Rebellion: background on Essex and Elizabeth, causes of rebellion, events, impacts on society, Essex's fate.	

Part four: Historical Environment: Hardwick Hall 2025	R/A/G
Background: the owner, Bess of Hardwick, her husband, their status at Court, role in local society/ in Elizabethan England, how the Hall was changed over time in exterior and interior design, building materials, building design and fashion for the time, 'more glass than wall, Long gallery, The Great Hall, purpose of the building and rooms.	
Exam knowledge: You can explain – the location • the function (purpose) • the structure • people connected with the site e.g. the designer, originator and occupants • the design • how the design reflects the culture, values, fashions of the people at the time • how important events/developments from the depth study are connected to the site.	