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Queen Elizabeth I

*Elizabeth I (Armada Portrait) Image in Public Domain
**Compare the film “Elizabeth” and history**

*Elizabeth* is a 1998 biographical film written by Michael Hirst, directed by Shekhar Kapur, and starring Cate Blanchett in the title role of Queen Elizabeth I of England, alongside Geoffrey Rush, Christopher Eccleston, Joseph Fiennes, Sir John Gielgud, Fanny Ardant and Richard Attenborough. This 1998 film is loosely based on the early years of Elizabeth’s reign. In 2007, Blanchett and Rush reprised their roles in the sequel, Elizabeth: The Golden Age, covering the later part of her reign.¹

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**Instructions**

After watching the film *Elizabeth* read the article *Elizabeth I: Gender, Power and Politics*² by Susan Doran.

You will work with historical sources. Compare with the film. Focus on where the story of the film differs from historical facts. You do not have to do everything...Pick 1 - 3 of the below to check up. Describe how the issue is shown in the film and contrast it with how historical sources describe the same. Note: the film may be historically correct in part or at large, but you don't know until you check!

You may choose the format of your report; writing a text, using a presentation program (ppt, keynotes etc.) or making a short film. Include your references.

Check the below with historical facts.... use links in the folder Queen Elizabeth I

**Student's points** (after watching the film). Find out more about:
- Queen Elizabeth I painted her face white - why?
- "I am married to England"-
- Her body was not her own -
- Coup d'État
- Religion - conflict
- Marriage & men:
  - Lord d'Anjou
  - The King of Spain
  - Lord Dudley (and marriage?)
  - Francis Walshingham

**Teacher's points**...Check up and compare:
- Elizabeth and religion
- Elizabeth and marriage
- Elizabeth and men in her life
- Elizabeth and attempted assassination
- Lord Dudley
- Lord Westringham
- Who was Mary Queen of Scotts
- Who was Elisabeth's older sister Mary.
- Who was lord Dudley?
- Who was Lord Westringham?
- La Volta: Why do you think this dance is shown several times in the film?

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Links:
(all links fetched 5 November 2014)

**About the film "Elizabeth"** (wikipedia)

**Elizabeth** (official trailer)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyGBwrIamw&feature=youtu.be

**Elizabeth I - Online Lesson Plan** (from History on the Net)
http://www.historyonthenet.com/lessons/elizabeth1/eliz1plan.htm

**Queen Elizabeth I** (from The Historical Association)
http://www.history.org.uk/resources/primary_resource_3750_133.html

**Queen Elizabeth I** (bbc primary)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/elizabeth_i/?famous_monarchs

**Elizabeth I and the men she loved** (Daily Mail article)

**Elizabeth I & Her Lovers** (History undressed - Blog)

**Elizabeth I by Jacob Abbott** (The Baldwin project)
http://www.mainlesson.com/display.php?author=abbott&book=elizabeth&story=_contents&PHPSESSID=5ef89fb13a0ef57ef5977d32b3dfb882

**Elizabeth I: Gender, Power and Politics** (History Today)
http://www.historytoday.com/susan-doran/elizabeth-i-gender-power-and-politics

**Elizabeth I - and the church**
http://www.elizabethi.org/contents/elizabethanchurch/queenandchurch.html

**Elizabeth I - and the church of England** (History Learning site)
http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/elizabeth_church_england.htm

**Elizabeth's Spy Network - The Queen in danger** (BBC History)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/tudors/spying_01.shtml

**Lord Dudley** (Britannia Biographies)
http://www.britannia.com/bios/lords/leicesterrd.html

**Mary Queens of Scots** (official website of the British Monarchy)
http://www.royal.gov.uk/historyofthemonarchy/scottish%20monarchs(400ad-1603)/thestewarts/maryqueenofscots.aspx

**La Volta** (Dance's Historical Miscellany)
http://www.danceshistoricalmiscellany.com/2014/05/dancing-lewd-la-volta.html

**The Tudor Wiki**
http://www.thetudorswiki.com/page/Queen+Elizabeth+I++Historical+profile?t=anon