



The Reign of Elizabeth I *The Golden Age of England*



Elizabeth I, the Rainbow Portrait



Elizabeth and the Renaissance *(Renaissance means rebirth)*



- ★ She ruled England for 45 years.
- ★ There new advances in the fields of:
 1. Music
 2. Literature
 3. Architecture
 4. Seafaring (sailing)



Accomplishments under Elizabeth I

- ★ England became a first rate power
- ★ She and her forces defeated the Spanish Armada.
- ★ At the time, the Spanish Armada was thought to be invincible.





Elizabeth I and the military



- ★ Women did not serve in the military
- ★ Being Queen, she was England's military leader.
- ★ At times, Elizabeth would be on the battlefields to address her soldiers.
- ★ During these addresses she would often be wearing armor.



*Quoting Elizabeth addressing
her soldiers...*



“I know I have the body of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart and stomach of a king.”



***(Tilbury speech, 1588. See section on
The Spanish Armada)***





Elizabeth and her image



She is revered as being:

- a. Polished
- b. Powerful



She was the inspiration for many paintings and portraits

She was often depicted in:

- a. Gorgeous gowns
- b. Elaborate hairdos



★ Aside from being Queen, she was also regarded as:

- a. Poet
- b. Musician
- c. Patron of the arts
- d. A linguist (person who can speak more than one language.)



“The Virgin Queen”



- ★ The term Virgin Queen referred to the fact that she never married.
- ★ She never had children.
- ★ As a result, she never produced an heir to the English throne.



The Death of a Queen

- ★ Upon her death, the throne went to Elizabeth's closest living relative, her cousin James.
- ★ James ruled Scotland as James VI.
- ★ When he became England's King, he ruled:
 1. England
 2. Ireland
 3. Scotland
- ★ He ruled England from 1603-1625

