**GCSE History Knowledge Organiser: ELIZABETHAN ENGLAND 1568-1603 Paper 2 Section B**

**Part One: Elizabeth and her Government**

**Possible homework tasks/GCSE style questions**

**In the GCSE, the exam questions always follow the same format**

**In question 1**, you will always be asked to evaluate a source. **(See example below)**

**You will need to interpret the content of the source, and use your knowledge and the provenance/ origin to evaluate**

**In question** 2, you will always be asked about the significance or importance of an issue, institution or individual (see below)

**In question 3**: you will be asked to write an account of an issue or event from Elizabeth’s reign (see below)

**All questions are worth 8 marks**. Your material for each response can be organised into two or three paragraphs.

1. How Convincing is interpretation A when talking about the Elizabethan Court? (8 marks)

2) Explain what was important about the Privy Council in Elizabethan England (8 marks)

3) Write an account of how the marriage question was dealt with during the Reign of Elizabeth 1st (8 marks)

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| **Sub-topics** | |
| 1.1 | * Elizabeth’s background and character. * -Henry V111 and the Great Matter * -Upbringing and education * -Elizabeth under Edward V1 and Mary * -Accession |
| 1.2 | * Elizabethan politics * -The Royal Court * -Progresses * -The Privy Council * -The Role of Parliament * -1590’s The Years of Decline; The Essex Rebellion |
| 1.3 | * The Succession Crisis. * -Problems facing female rulers * -The Marriage Question * -Foreign suitors * -Possible heirs * -Resolution |

**Stretch and Challenge – wider reading / independent tasks:**

-Construct a curriculum vitae for Elizabeth and her suitability to be queen.

-Construct two tables analysing the advantages and disadvantages of both suitors and heirs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWN22eyQ64A-> Video by David Starkey –Famous English Historian on Elizabeth’s early Life.

Listen to the podcasts on the GCSEpod

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| **Key Terms** |  |
| **Accession** | The time when an individual becomes monarch |
| **The Court** | The residence of the court and their household |
| **Privy Councillors** | Members of the Privy Council, the Committee of Ministers appointed to advise the monarch eg) Sir Edward Cecil |
| **Suitor** | A man who pursues a relationship with a particular woman,with a view to marriage. |
| **Heir** | The person who is next in line to the throne. |
| **Bureaucracy** | A system of government involving lots of departments and paperwork. |
| **Patronage** | Using wealth, power and influence to promote individuals who then owe their patrons loyalty. |

**Key facts**

**1/1** Elizabeth’s Character and background were shaped by her early experiences;

* Elizabeth’s mother **Anne Boleyn** was executed by her father, Henry V111 .
* Elizabeth came close to being executed for treason on two occasions. She was accused of being involved in plots against her brother **Edward V1** and sister **Mary 1**
* Her traumatic experiences helped mould her character. She was well educated, self -reliant and determined.
* Elizabeth never married even though there were many suitors, and she was very suspicious of rival heirs.

**1.2**  During Elizabeth’s reign there was a centralised and successful system of government made up of a number of different sections;

- **The Privy Council** was the focus of the governmental system. It was a collection of trusted ministers such as **Sir Francis Walsingham** and **Sir Robert Dudley.**

- Elizabeth would travel with her court on regular progresses visiting the houses of the Nobility

Although she never visited the **North of England**

* Parliament was a key institution for delivering Elizabeth’s agenda and raising money .It only met **13 times in 45 years.**

**1.3** Elizabeth never actually married but as a female ruler there were many challenges and questions about her legitimacy.

* Elizabeth had many suitors including **Phillip 11 of Spain**, **Robert Dudley, the Duke of** **Alencon .**
* Throughout her reign Elizabeth had many potential heirs including **Mary Queen of** **Scots, The Grey Sisters** and eventually **James V1 of Scotland** who took over the throne in 1603