

# CORPSE TALK

# Queen Elizabeth I

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Watch Here: <https://youtu.be/AdIdYAtRDsU>



Watch the dead famous come to life in this animated history show based on the popular "Corpse Talk" graphic novel series by Adam and Lisa Murphy.

In this episode, our host Adam welcomes Elizabeth The First - Queen of England - who has a story straight out of a soap opera. Not only was her mother beheaded for not giving birth to a boy, but she also had to see off attacks from her sister and cousin to protect her throne. It's an unbelievable story!



## Dig up the past

When you've watched the episode, can you answer these questions?

Who threw Elizabeth in the Tower of London?

Why did Elizabeth have Mary Queen of Scots executed?

How did Elizabeth's troops try to defeat the Spanish Armada?

## Fun Fact



Elizabeth didn't choose a husband. Instead, she declared she was married to the whole of England!

## Dead Quick Challenge

Elizabeth I is back for another episode of Corpse Talk but, this time, you're the host! What questions will you ask her?



## Deadly Dates

Elizabeth I was born in 1533, the daughter of Henry VIII and his second wife, Anne Boleyn. She became Queen in 1558 at the age of 25 and ruled until her death in 1603.



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## Role-play an episode of 'Tudor Times'!

You have been commissioned to produce an episode of the soap opera 'Tudor Times'!

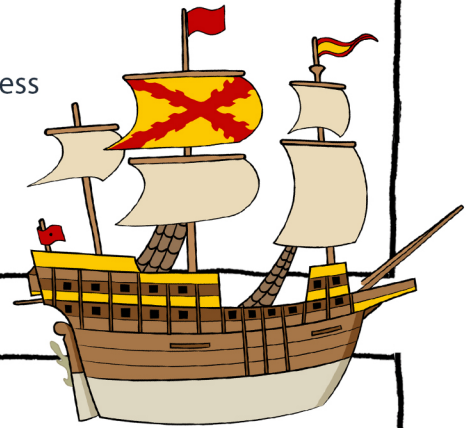
Working with a group, choose an event in Elizabeth's life (for example, the time her very own sister threw her in the Tower of London).

Now, think about how you could portray this event in your episode making it as entertaining and dramatic as possible.

You might include extra characters such as Elizabeth's friends, her governess and her servants.

How will the characters react and what will they say to each other?

When you have rehearsed your episode, perform it to your class!



## Make your own boat

Tudor ships needed to be able to carry heavy cannons without sinking.

Can you make a boat that can carry 25 coins without sinking?

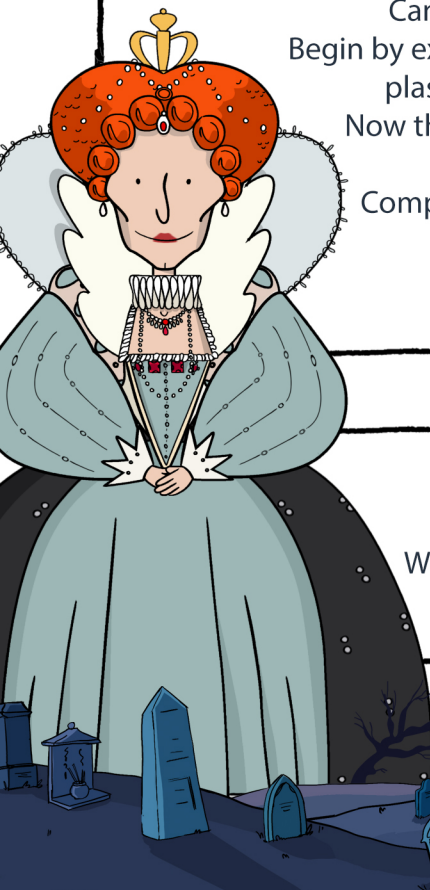
Begin by experimenting with a selection of different materials such as paper, plasticine and recycled containers. Which materials float best?

Now think about what shape will be best for carrying heavy objects.

Finally, test your boat by adding coins.

Compare the different boats you and your classmates have made.

Which are most effective? Why do you think this is?



## Before You Go

What would you do if you were queen (or king) for a day?

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