

# Causes of the Spanish Armada

## Instructions

Read through the causes below. Rank the causes from the most important causes to the least important. This is your opinion, you can't be wrong but you do need to be able to justify your reasons.

Spain was a Catholic Country and England was Protestant.

Elizabeth I had ordered the execution of Mary Queen of Scots, who was a Catholic.

Philip II was annoyed that English ships had been raiding Spanish ships and stealing their gold and silver.

Philip II was angry that in 1587, Sir Francis Drake attacked Spanish warships in Cadiz - he set fire to the ships and destroyed thirty of them.

Elizabeth II had sent soldiers to help Dutch rebels fighting against Philip II in the Spanish Netherlands.

