

# Reasons for the Failure of the Armada

## Instructions

Read through each of the sources and evaluate what the reasons for the failure of the Armada were.

**Source 1** - "I sent you to fight with men, not weather!" King Philip II of Spain (1588)

This source states the reason for the failure of the Spanish Armada is...

**Source 2** - "The English... did well because they were quicker and the great smoke that came from their artillery" A Spanish Sailor

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**Source 3** - "I heard great complaints about the command of ships in the Spanish Armada being given to young fellows just because they were nobles. Very few of them knew what to do, and their officers were no better" Vice-Admiral of Spanish Navy

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**Source 4** - "Though the English ships were smaller, and there were fewer of them they were better built and manned... the skilful use of artillery gave them an advantage."

J. Oliphant in his book, A History of England (1920)

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