

# *I) QUEEN ELIZABETH I (1558-1603)*

## **Doc 1) A rich historical context, culturally & politically.**

### The Renaissance in England :

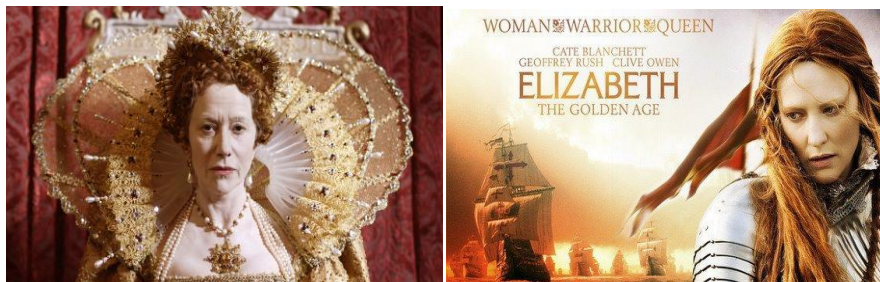
.Interestingly,when referring to this period, the English call it “the Elizabethan Age” .

. In the same way, Shakespeare’s theatre, possibly the greatest theatre of all time, is frequently called “Elizabethan theatre”.

.The Elizabethan Age = “the Golden Age” in English history.

.The feeling of patriotism and nationalism was at its peak.

## **Doc 2) A Queen to be remembered in popular culture...**



**Judi Dench / Joely Richarson / Vanessa Redgrave / Helen Mirren / Cate Blanchett**

Group 1.

Say when Elizabeth I reigned.

Doc 1. Knowing that you must show she can be seen as an English heroine, say why it is important for her reign to correspond to the English Renaissance. Knowing when she died and that Shakespeare did not stop writing major plays until 1610, what does the expression “Elizabethan theatre” reveal?

Doc 2. What do all these recent films reveal about her status in modern popular culture? How famous are these actresses? Explain. In the last image, what does the caption show about the Queen? Explain the expression “Golden Age”.