

Elizabeth I - A-level study day

Teacher notes

Session overview

Students will take part in complementary seminars at both the Tower of London and the National Portrait Gallery, with time out for lunch and travel.

As a princess, Elizabeth was sent to the Tower of London by her half-sister, Queen Mary I. In 1559, Elizabeth returned to the Tower under very different circumstances for her coronation. Students will examine both the buildings and documentary evidence in the locations where the events took place, to suggest what the Tower of London reveals about Elizabeth I's reign.

Schedule:

Please ensure you check which session you have booked (Session A or B) as they start at different locations.

Session A

10.30 – 12.15	National Portrait Gallery Examining evidence: students will learn how to examine Tudor portraits as evidence.
12.15 – 13.30	We would advise eating lunch whilst travelling to allow for 45 minutes travel time to the Tower of London via tube 15 minutes to collect wristbands from the Welcome Centre and walk up to the Learning Centre. <i>If you anticipate a late arrival please call us on 07896-275736.</i>
13.30 – 15.00	The Tower of London Examining evidence: through on-site study students will examine both the buildings and documentary evidence to suggest what the Tower of London reveals about Elizabeth I's reign. Key individuals and events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth I • Catherine Grey • William Cecil • Ridolfi and Babington plots • Northern and Essex rebellions • Imprisonment of religious and political prisoners throughout the Tudor period Plenary session

Session B

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Exam board links

This session has been designed to complement any students studying the reign of Elizabeth I, and particularly those doing exam boards:

- **AQA - 1C** The Tudors: England, 1485–1603
- **Edexcel - Paper 1, Option 1B:** England, 1509–1603: Authority, nation and religion and **Option 3, Paper 3:** Themes in breadth with aspects in depth **Option 31:** Rebellion and disorder under the Tudors, 1485–1603
- **OCR - Y107** England 1547–1603: the Later Tudors (Enquiry topic: Mid Tudor Crises 1547–1558)
- **WJEC - Unit 1 (AS): Option 1:** Government, Rebellion And Society In Wales and England C.1485-1603 **Unit 4 (A2): Part 2:** Challenges facing Mary and Elizabeth c.1553-1570

Session objectives

Your 90 minute session will consist of the following:

- 20 minute introduction to the development of the Tower and using it as a source when investigating Elizabeth's reign;
- 60 minute subject specific tour, engaging students through investigation of the built environment and analysis of documentary sources;
- 10 minute plenary during which students draw upon what they have learnt to reach their own conclusions about the topic

Meeting points*

The Tower of London:

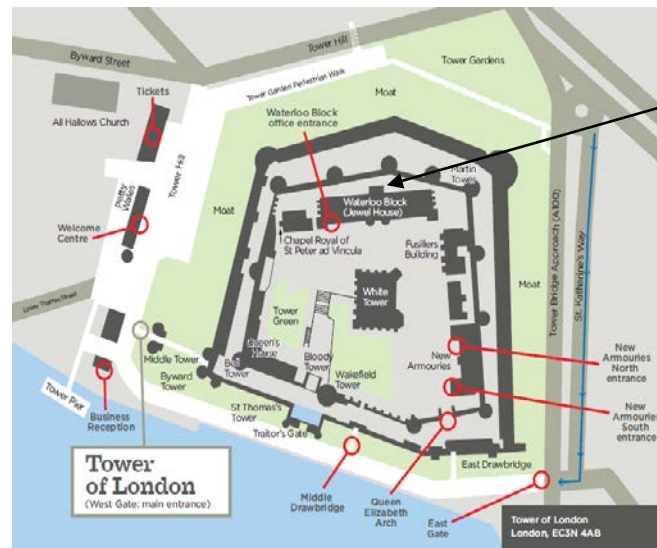
Your presenter will meet you in the Learning Centre, Jewel House.

Allow 15 minutes from the Welcome Centre to the Learning Centre.

1. Collect your admission wristbands from the [Welcome Centre](#).
2. Enter the Tower of London via [Middle Drawbridge \(Groups Entrance\)](#). After you have shown your wristband and had your bags checked, make your way to the Jewel House.



3. From the **Middle Drawbridge** turn right and walk towards then past the toilet block (on your right) and turn left through the **Queen Elizabeth Arch**.
4. Keep walking straight ahead past the New Armouries restaurant (on your right) and the White Tower on your left towards the **Jewel House**.
5. To access the **Learning Centre** you will need to go around the back of the Jewel House. Please do this using the **path between the Fusiliers Museum** and the **Jewel House**.
6. Once around the back of the building you will come across a **sign saying "No entry, except for booked school parties"**. **Pass by this** and the entrance to the **Learning Centre** will be on your left.
7. Your session presenter should be waiting here for you, but if not please use the buzzer on the wall to contact the **Learning Centre**.



Please make your way to the entrance to the **Learning Centre** behind the **Jewel House**

National Portrait Gallery:

1. Enter by the Main Entrance in St Martin's Place and send your students down one flight of stairs to the Upper Basement, to wait briefly outside the Lecture Theatre (the toilets are here, too).
2. The Group Leader should go up to the Information Desk in the Main Hall to sign in.
3. Visitor Services staff will call your Gallery teacher to meet your group outside the Lecture Theatre.
4. The first part of your session will be in the Theatre and then you will go up to the galleries to continue working in front of the pictures.

* Please see overleaf for details of how to travel between sites



Getting to and from the Tower and National Portrait Gallery

- The quickest and easiest way to travel between the two sites is by **tube**
- 1. Walk from the National Portrait Gallery to Embankment underground station - 15 minutes
- 2. Take the Circle/ District Line at Embankment to Tower Hill - 9 minutes approx. (see map below).
- 3. Walk from Tower Hill station to the Welcome Centre - 5 minutes
- Alternatively the no. 15 **bus** can take you between Tower Hill and Trafalgar Square (Fleet Street) - approx. 15-20 minutes (see map below)

Please visit www.tfl.gov.uk for further details and prices.

- There is also the Thames Clipper **boat** service that can take you between the Embankment and Tower piers-approx. 20-25 minutes.
 - Embankment - Tower 13, 33 and 53 minutes past the hour
 - Tower - Embankment 12, 23, 42 and 53 minutes past the hour

Please visit www.thamesclippers.com for further details and prices.

