

The Elizabethan Era

The reign of Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603)

Purpose: The purpose of this seminar is to learn about the golden age in English history, a time when the English renaissance inspired national pride through classical ideals, international expansion, and naval triumph.

Course #	19SEE
Format:	Seminar
Moderator:	Patricia Tillona
Date and Time:	Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 10 weeks, starting February 26
Location:	Smith College Campus Center, Room 204

Description: We will learn about a time that witnessed the flowering of poetry, music and literature—an era most famous for its theatre, where Shakespeare and others composed plays we still read and watch today. It was also an age of exploration and expansion abroad...including the New World, an era that has been widely romanticized in books, movies, plays and on TV. We will also discuss the life of a young woman who became queen at 25, ruled for 45 years, managed to stay a virgin, and gained the trust and love of her people.

Role of participants: Participants will participate in the discussions, and give a presentation of no more than 30 minutes and a discussion for 15 minutes. You may choose from my list of topics or choose one of your own, but let me know in advance in case it's taken.

Resources: There is plenty of information online. That's where I do most of my research. However, for those of you that don't feel comfortable with computers or the net, here's a list of suggested reading: Choose one of the following titles: 1) *Elizabethan London*, Lisa Picard; 2) *The Elizabethans*, H. W. Wilson; (3) *The Elizabethan Renaissance*, Dr. Alfred Lester Rowe.

About the Moderator: I am a retired school teacher who has taken many seminars and moderated as well. I have been taking seminars to learn more about topics of interest, that I was not able to do before.

Maximum number of participants: 16

Auditors accepted: yes, up to 2