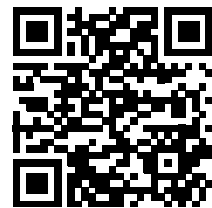


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# Naval Battles of the Elizabethan Era



The Spanish Armada was a large fleet sent by King \_\_\_\_\_ II of Spain in 1588. Its goal was to invade England and overthrow Queen Elizabeth I. This event was part of the larger conflict between \_\_\_\_\_ and England. The conflict arose due to religious differences and competition for overseas territories. The Spanish Armada consisted of around 130 \_\_\_\_\_ and 30,000 men. They were well-equipped and highly trained. However, the English navy, though smaller, was more agile and better at naval \_\_\_\_\_. The English used faster ships and innovative tactics to defeat the Spanish fleet.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spanish Armada marked a turning point in European history. It established England as a powerful \_\_\_\_\_. This victory boosted the morale and confidence of the English people. It also allowed England to expand its \_\_\_\_\_ overseas. The Elizabethan Age of Exploration flourished after this victory. Explorers like Sir Francis Drake and Sir Walter \_\_\_\_\_ embarked on voyages to the New World. These explorations led to the establishment of English colonies in \_\_\_\_\_. The defeat of the Spanish Armada is often seen as the beginning of the decline of the Spanish Empire.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the English navy was due to several factors. The leadership of commanders like Lord Howard and Sir Francis \_\_\_\_\_ was crucial. The English also had the advantage of fighting in familiar waters. The weather played a significant role as well. Strong \_\_\_\_\_ and storms scattered the Spanish ships. Many Spanish ships were wrecked off the coasts of Scotland and \_\_\_\_\_. The defeat had long-lasting effects on Spanish power and prestige. It allowed other European nations to challenge Spanish \_\_\_\_\_. The Elizabethan Age of Exploration was fueled by the wealth and resources gained from overseas territories. This \_\_\_\_\_ laid the foundation for the British Empire.

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