

Foreign Policy Aims:

- Heavily influenced by her struggles at home
 - Religious struggles
 - Lack of money
 - Lack of resources / population

Develop and improve trade to benefit the English economy

Protect English borders

Protect the English throne

Avoid war, especially if English rebels support the enemy



What do think is her main priority and why?

Who is King Philip II?



- Philip II was King of Spain and all of Spain's territories / colonies
- He was the most powerful man in the world
- He was chosen by the Pope to be the defender of the Catholic Faith and fight all Catholic enemies
- He is the leader of all Catholic countries in the war against Protestantism
- He is a VERY strong Catholic
- He opposed Elizabeth's Religious settlement
- He is VERY unhappy with the execution of the Catholic Queen, Mary, Queen of Scots

Timeline

- 1570**
Papal Bull excommunicates Elizabeth
- 1571**
Ridolfi Plot
- 1574**
Catholic priests smuggled into England
- 1579**
Spain take charge in the Netherlands
- 1581**
Elizabeth knights Drake on the Golden Hind
- 1582**
Alencon (France) return to fight the Spanish in the Netherlands with Elizabeth's £££
- 1583**
Alencon fails in Netherlands
- 1584**
William of Orange is assassinated
- 1584**
Alencon dies, leaving Protestant Henri of Navarre heir to France
- 1584**
Treaty of Joinville between Spain & France
- 1586**
Babington Plot
- 1587**
Mary, Queen of Scots executed
- 1588**
Spanish Armada
- 1588**
Throckmorton plot
- 1580**
Francis Drake returns from his circumnavigation of the globe
- 1580**
Philip II takes control of Portugal

Plot these on a timeline from 1570-1588



Domestic (at home)



Foreign (abroad)

Commercial (Trade) Rivalry with Spain



Pirates
Privateers



Merchants or explorers

Stole other ships cargoes

Had a skull & cross bones

Conquered other countries

Captured other ships

Had their own armed ships

Made secret deals

Authorised by the government

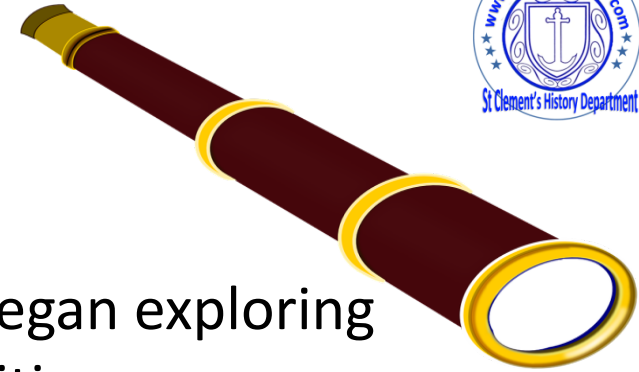
Which of these descriptions would be for a Pirate and which for a Privateer



The New World: North and South American – discovered in 1492



Exploration

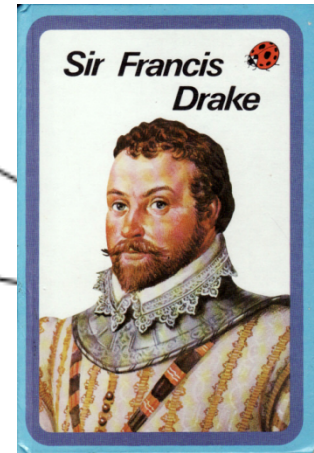
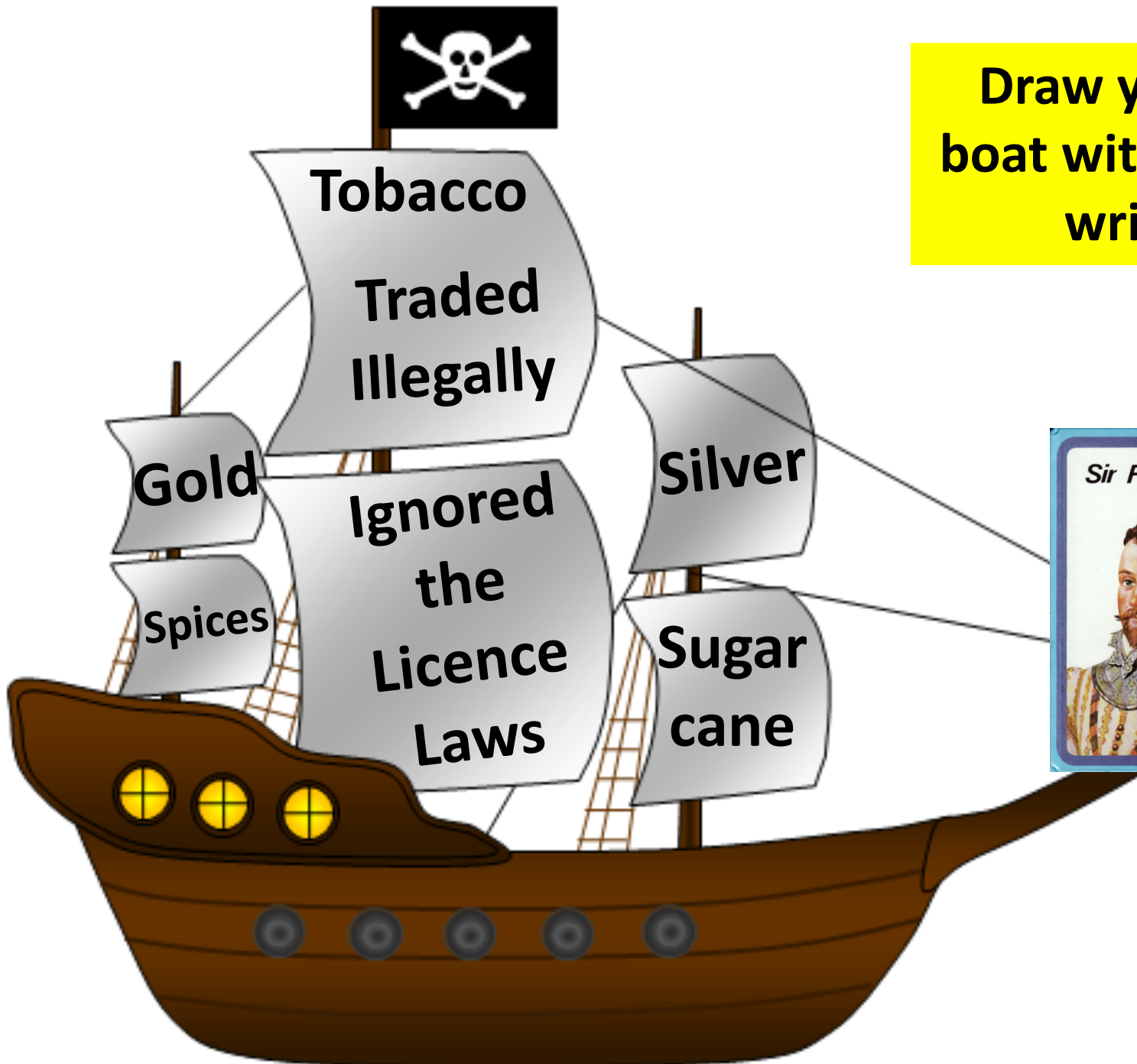


- English Merchants began exploring new trade opportunities...
 - **Hamburg, Russia, China, India, Persia and Turkey**
- There were also HUGE profits to be made in the new world...

Why does Elizabeth need to think about other trading posts

- Spain controls the Netherlands, including Antwerp (England's main trading post)
- Spain controlled the New World including Florida, The Caribbean, Mexico, Panama, Chile and Peru –
- In order to trade in the New World you needed a licence from Spain

**Draw yourself a
boat with 6 sails to
write on**



So, who is Sir Francis Drake?



- English merchant and explorer
- Made lots of money for investors, including Elizabeth I, (1572 £40,000 of Spanish silver)
- Much of what he did was considered Piracy
- 1570-71 in the West Indies he seized many Spanish ships and their cargo
- Elizabeth did not publicly praise Drake, but did privately
- He was the first Englishman to circumnavigate the globe

1577 – South America



- Elizabeth sent him to sail around South America bringing back Gold, Silver, Spices & anything else valuable
- He was also told to attack Spain's colonies in order to get rich quick and be ready to fight the Spanish at home
- This was another act of defiance, she would not allow Spain to dominate England
- Drake returned home in 1580 with £400,000 a lot of this going to the Queen's finances.
- Elizabeth was so happy and impressed, she knighted him on his ship!

How significant were Drake's actions?

- **Discuss with your partner what Drake has achieved or done in the 1570's**
- **Discuss how significant this would be for relations with Philip II and Spain**

- Drake's actions against Spain and her colonies with his claim to land in North America made it clear that Elizabeth wouldn't accept Spain's dominance of the Americas
- Drake's success has made him a national hero and raised the profile of England as a strong seafaring nation
- England's finances were boosted a lot at a time of growing concern over Spain
- Knighting Drake on his ship sent a strong message of defiance to Spain

Write a letter to the Queen

You now have to write Elizabeth a letter explaining the many successes of Drake but also give her a word of warning regarding the strain on the relationship with Philip II (200 words minimum)

