

Year 10 History – Isolation work

'Elizabethan England': What was the response to Elizabeth's religious 'middle way'?

Task 1

Read the information on Protestants and Catholics on the sheet named 'Religious divisions in England in 1558.' Use the information on both variations of the Christian faith to complete the table task on what both faiths believed in terms of the different categories.

Task 2

Read the nine factors for the diamond nine exercise to better understand how the religious situation looked quite dangerous for Elizabeth in 1558. You should then write the factors into the diamond nine in order to express what you believe were the most dangerous factors to the most promising factors for Elizabeth in terms of the religious situation at the time.

Task 3

Read the handout on what Elizabeth I's religious settlement looked like in 1559. This was the result of Queen Elizabeth's changes to the English church and has become referred to as 'the middle way' (can you see why?)

Read through each of the rules and using your knowledge of Protestant and Catholic religious beliefs and practises attempt to colour code the text to show which of the rules appear to look more Protestant or Catholic in nature.

Task 4

Finally, read the three information sheets on 'Catholic', 'Moderate Protestant' and 'Puritan'. These all detail how each individual group reacted to Queen Elizabeth's 'middle way' church reforms. On the separate sheet complete a speech bubble for each individual in order to make it clear what their view of Elizabeth's religious settlement would have been and why they might think that.