

GCSE History - 'Elizabethan England, 1568-1603'

What was the reaction to Elizabeth's religious settlement?

Task - Read the 10 statements below. They are all comments on the different religious attitudes towards Queen Elizabeth's religious settlement (or 'middle way') Decide which of the three religious beliefs would have said each statement by placing a cross in the relevant column.

When you've decided complete a summary statement for each group at the bottom of this sheet.

Statement	Catholic	Protestant	Puritan (extreme Protestant)
1. "Only priests should be allowed to read the Bible which must be written Latin."			
2. "It is better if church services are in English and then ordinary people can understand what is being said in church."			
3. "It is right that Archbishops and Bishops are in place to serve a Protestant Monarch. There is no need for a Pope who lives so far away in Rome."			
4. "We want to get rid of anything that is not mentioned in the Bible! The Bible does not mention Pope's or Bishop's. There is no need for an organised church."			
5. "The inside of a church must reflect the beauty of our Lord with wall paintings, statues and richly decorated vestments for priests."			
6. "Elizabeth must know that the Pope, not any other ruler can be the Head of the Church."			
7. "We can all communicate with God through prayer and studying the Bible. This is why it should be written in English! There is no need for priests at all!"			
8. "We believe that priests should be allowed to wear vestments, as long as it's not too bright or gaudy!"			
9. "Priests are special and necessary. They should remain unmarried in order to show that they have devoted their lives to God."			
10. "Stained glass, paintings, statues and decoration must be avoided. Wooden tables and simple wooden benches are all that's needed in a church."			

Religious Settlement - Summary

a) **The Catholics** would *hate / put up with / love* (circle one) the religious settlement as -

b) **The Protestants** would *hate / put up with / love* (circle one) the religious settlement as -

c) **The Puritans** would *hate / put up with / love* (circle one) the religious settlement as -

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TEACHER ANSWERS

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