

QUEEN ELIZABETH I RESOURCES

What should they write to their masters, the Kings of France and Spain, about the Queen? The ambassadors scratched their ears, dipped their quill pens in the ink, and tried to paint in words a picture of what she was like. The two accounts were written some thirty years apart – what idea do they give you of Elizabeth?

Letter A

Shee was a Lady, upon whom nature had bestowed, and well placed, many of her fayrest favores; of stature mean, slender, streight, and amiably composed; of such state in her carriage, as every motion of her seemed to beare majesty: her Hair was inclined to pale yellow, her foreheade large and faire, a seemeing sete for princely grace; her eyes lively and sweete, but short-sighted; her nose somewhat rising in the middest; the whole compasse of her countenance somewhat long, but yet of an admirable beauty, not so much in that which is tearmed the flower of youth, as in a most delighffull composition of majesty and modesty in equall mixture.

Letter B

Next came the queen, in the sixty-sixth year of her age, as we were told, very majestic; her face, oblong, fair but wrinkled; her eyes small yet black and pleasant; her nose a little hooked; her lips narrow, and her teeth black. She had in her ears two pearls, with very rich drops; she wore false hair, and that red; upon her head she had a small crown... Her bosom was uncoverd, as all the English ladies have it; till they marry; and she had on a necklace, of exceeding fine jewels; her hands were small, her fingers long, and her stature neither tall nor low.

WORD	MEANING
admirable	to be admired, praised
amiably	pleasantly
beare	show
bestowed	given
bosom	breast
uncovered	bare
carriage	the way she walked
compasse	shape
composed	sight
composition	picture
countenance	look
delightfull	loveliest
equall	the same
exceeding	very
favores	gifts
fayrest	lovely
foreheade	brow
grace	gracefulness
inclined	almost
jewels	diamonds, rubies, pearls

WORD	MEANING
majesty	like a queen
mean	medium
middest	middle
mixture	amounts mixed up
modesty	shyness
motion	movement
nature	fate
placed	put, given
pleasant	nice, sweet
princely	like a king
seemeing	proper
sete	place
short-sighted	can't see well
slender	thin
state	kind of
stature	height
streight	straight
tearmed	called

MY HERO'S PICTURE

Name	Date	Hero
Message the picture gives you (one word or phrase)		
Picture's title Message given		
Look in eyes: gaze Message given		
Look on face Message given		
Clothes Message given		
Objects / things Message given		
Body language Message given		
Hair and hands Message given		
Background: objects / things Message given		

FEATURES LIST

What do the words and phrases in the letters tell us about Queen Elizabeth?

Feature	Ambassador's letter A	Ambassador's letter B
age		
body		
bosom		
ears		
eyes		
face		
hair		
hands		
head		
height		
jewels		
lips		
nose		
teeth		
walk		