

# ● Portrait or Propaganda?

*How do portraits of British Royals serve their political power?*

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## King Henry VIII (1491-1547)

- A. Observe this painting and list the elements that symbolise the king's power.
- B. Listen to an expert speak about this portrait on [MP3 n°45](#). Check your answers to question A. What else do you learn about this portrait?
- C. Read the article on [Worksheet n°20](#) to find out the truth about this painting!
- D. This painting has been called "a magnificent piece of propaganda". Do you agree? Why (not)?
- E. Compare this painting with the one on p. 80. What message is conveyed in each one?



*The Armada Portrait, 1588*



VIDEO N°17



*King Henry VIII, Hans Holbein the Younger, 1537*

## 2 Queen Elizabeth I (1533-1603)

- A. Observe this painting of Queen Elizabeth I. What elements symbolise her power?
- B. Watch the video to check your answers. What else do you learn about this portrait?
- C. Go further with [Worksheet n°21](#).

### Nouns

- crown
- necklace /nek'ləs/
- fireship
- fleet
- dagger
- jewel /dʒu'əl/

### Expression

- be dressed in full regalia /rɪ'geɪliə/

### Adjectives

- defiant /dɪ'fæɪənt/
- glorious
- iconic
- imposing /majestic
- lifelike
- life-sized
- self-assured

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