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## Unit 6

# Absolutism and Reformation

C16

Introduction to Culture Studies (UK & Ireland)

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- <http://tinyurl.com/cjhb8o1> [33.4 MB]
- Music by Thomas Tallis (1505(?)–1585).
- Written to mark the 40th birthday of Elizabeth I in 1573.
- A forty-part motet (8 choirs of 5 voices each).
- The church shown here is Ely Cathedral.
- Homework: Find out where Ely is.
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- Look out for the walls where the wood panelling is – what part of the cathedral is that?

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## House of Tudor:

1485 Henry VII

1509 Henry VIII

1547 Regency (Somerset)

1549 Edward VI

1553 Mary Tudor

1558 Elizabeth I

## House of Stuart:

1603 James VI of Scotland / James I of England  
(son of Mary Queen of Scots)

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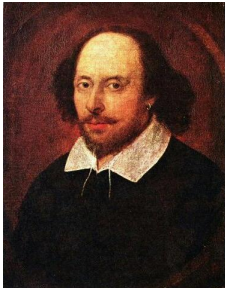
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# Some key issues in 16th century England

- Henry VIII's need for a male heir
- Absolutism (all power to the King)
- Reformation (really: nationalization of the Church)
- Counterreformation (return of Catholicism)
- Countercounterreformation (victory of Protestantism)
- Rapid economic and social change; class tensions
- Global exploration and trade: the search for the Northwest Passage
- England's "Golden Age" under Elizabeth.

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|-----|----------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1   | DIVORCED | Catherine of Aragon | Mary      |
| 2   | BEHEADED | Anne Boleyn         | Elizabeth |
| 3   | DIED     | Jane Seymour        | Edward    |
| 4   | DIVORCED | Anne of Cleves      | —         |
| 5   | BEHEADED | Kathryn Howard      | —         |
| 6   | SURVIVED | Katherine Parr      | —         |

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- In sixteenth century England we begin to see the development of what U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower (in his exit speech on January 17, 1961) would describe as “the military industrial complex”.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4R6dSteyCXQ&t=3m38s>
- Text of the full speech is here:  
<http://www.panarchy.org/eisenhower/farewelladdress.html>