

What Can You Learn from the Armada Portrait? **Answers**

Activity One



What do the following represent and **why** do you think they are in the portrait?

What do the following represent?	Why do you think they are in the portrait?
Crown	A ruler, a true Queen, confirms her power.
Globe	Empress of the world, defines her as a real, true ruler.
Scene behind her	On the left, you see the Armada arriving and on the right with the Queen's assistance, the Spanish leave defeated.
Jewellery	Pearls: from the sea so they represent the moon and virginity.
Dress	Destructive ways of a woman and her command of the sea.
How she sits: her posture, her look	Strength, vitality, youthfulness.
The sun design on her dress	Power, enlightenment. The colour of the dress is what she preferred and could also suggest her rank.