

TASK 1

Whatever happened to Catholic England?

AIM: To understand the origins of the religious problems that plagued Britain in the 17th century.

Find Simon Schama's History of Britain episode 6 – Burning Convictions on the internet. It used to be on Youtube but the BBC has pulled the entire series. I'm sure you can find it somewhere! Answer the questions below.

Glossary

Lay People / Laity	Refers to people who weren't members of the Church – monks, priests etc – the ordinary public
Martin Luther	German monk whose attacks on the Catholic Church and new ideas sparked the Reformation in Europe
Heretic / Heresy	Religious belief which contradicts what the official Church says people should believe
Patronage	The power to appoint people to high office
Roman Church	Catholic Church
Dynastic extinction	The end of the family royal line. This happened if a monarch had no heir to continue the bloodline.
Dissolution of the Monasteries	The closing of the Catholic monasteries in England by Thomas Cromwell
Patriotism	Love of your country
Renaissance	Means rebirth. The period after the Middle Ages when Europe saw a rebirth of interest in Art, music etc
Lutheran princes	Protestant princes in Europe
Temporal / Spiritual	Relates to things of this earth / relates to heaven
Idolatry	Worshiping statues / paintings
Iconoclasm	Attacking cherished beliefs

1. In the images of the Anglican priests in Walsingham what can you read on the banners? What do they mean?
2. Make notes on the appearance of the Holy Trinity church in Long Melford. What happened there?
3. Why did the Church authorities fear an English bible?
4. Why is it said that Henry VIII changed England into a Protestant country unintentionally?
5. Explain Anne Boleyn's role in reforming England's official religion.
6. What was the significance of the idea of Royal Supremacy?
7. How much actually changed under Henry after the break with Rome?
8. Describe the role of Thomas Cromwell and Archbishop Cramner in reforming the English Church?
9. What happened under Edward VI and why?
10. What happened under Mary and why?
11. What was so significant about Elizabeth linking Protestantism and patriotism during her reign? What problems will this store up for future monarchs?
12. Try to make notes on the differences between the two faiths from the video

Catholic	Protestant