

1. 1492: SAY IF IT'S TRUE (T) OR FALSE (F) THAT THESE EVENTS HAPPENED IN THIS IMPORTANT YEAR

- a. Christopher Columbus discovered America. ☐
- b. Fernando II of Aragón and Isabel I of Castilla married. ☐
- c. The Catholic Monarchs conquered the Kingdom of Granada. ☐
- d. Carlos I became king. ☐
- e. The first Spanish grammar book was published. ☐
- f. The Renaissance began in Spain. ☐
- g. End of the Middle Ages. ☐
- h. Beginning of the Modern ☐

2. WHICH MONARCH'S REIGN DO THESE SENTENCES REFER TO? CATHOLIC MONARCHS, CARLOS I OR FELIPE II?

- a. He established the capital of his kingdom in Madrid. _____
- b. His army defeated the Turks at the Battle of Lepanto. _____
- c. Christopher Columbus discovered America _____
- d. He conquered Portugal. _____
- e. He was the first king of the Habsburg dynasty. _____
- f. He inherited the German Empire. _____

3. READ THE QUESTIONS AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.



What was the Renaissance?

- ☐ The invention of a new language similar to Spanish.
- ☐ The name of a painting.
- ☐ A European cultural movement.

Which countries' ideals was the Renaissance based on?

- ☐ Ancient Greece and Rome.
- ☐ Italy and Portugal.
- ☐ The Americas and countries in Asia.

How did Felipe II contribute to the Renaissance?

- ☐ By constructing buildings.
- ☐ By writing a grammar book.
- ☐ By having his portrait painted.

4. READ THIS TEXT ABOUT THE SPANISH ARMADA. DECIDE IF THE SENTENCES ARE TRUE (T) OR FALSE (F)

Felipe II of Spain declared war on England because Elizabeth I would not punish British sailors for attacking Spanish ships returning from America. These sailors were stealing the gold and silver being transported from America to Spain. Felipe II also wanted to convert Protestant England back to Catholicism.

Felipe II's plan was to send 130 Spanish ships with 30 000 soldiers to attack the English fleet and invade England. However, in 1587, the

Spanish fleet was destroyed in Cádiz before reaching England. Felipe II built a new fleet, the Armada, which set sail for England in 1588. While anchored near Calais, France, the Armada was attacked by the English, who chased the Spanish ships into the rough North Sea. Here, the heavy Spanish ships were difficult to control and the wind and storms drove them on to the rocks. The Armada lost half its ships and 20 000 soldiers and sailors.

- a The causes of the war were economic and religious. ☐
- b The king of Spain wanted to invade England using more than 100 ships. ☐
- c Felipe II had to rebuild his fleet because the ships had been destroyed when coming back from America. ☐
- d The Armada escaped to Calais. ☐
- e The Spanish ships were difficult to control because of their size and weight. ☐