



Read the text and mark the statements **True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).**

Great People of the Past: Queen Elizabeth I

Queen Elizabeth I who reigned from 1558 to 1603 was one of the most successful monarchs to rule England. Born to King Henry and his second wife Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth had a very difficult childhood. As Anne Boleyn couldn't give him a male heir (наследника), Henry beheaded Anne so that he could marry again. He sent Elizabeth away to the country where she was brought up by governesses.

Her stepbrother Edward, who became king at the age of 9 after King Henry died, also died at 15. However, Elizabeth had an older stepsister, Mary, who became the heir. Mary was afraid that Elizabeth was trying to take her throne, so she imprisoned her and later placed her under house arrest for many years.

The people of England often called the Queen 'Bloody Mary', they were afraid of her and they were happy when in November 1559 she finally died, naming 27-year-old Elizabeth the new Queen of England. During her 44-year reign Elizabeth showed great leadership transforming what was a poor weak island into a wealthy European country. Also, thanks to her love for music, drama and poetry, she encouraged artists and writers. She supported some of England's greatest writers including William Shakespeare.

- A. Elizabeth I ruled the country for about half a century.
- B. Elizabeth was King Henry's only child.
- C. King Henry had six wives.
- D. King Henry didn't take part in Elizabeth's upbringing.
- E. After King Henry's death Elizabeth became the Queen.
- F. Mary was Elizabeth's younger stepsister.
- G. Elizabeth wanted to take the throne by all means.
- H. Elizabeth I was fond of literature, especially poetry.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

