**One Courageous Woman**

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You were called to be your very own country's ruler! Wait... WHAT?! Being a country's leader is very stressful! Think about Queen Elizabeth, she was on throne duty for forty-one years! As you're teacher is teaching you about the war that happened between England and Spain you come across the thought; In what ways did Queen Elizabeth use her outstanding qualities to get through the war between England and Spain? She used many of her astonishing qualities to over come the war. She used perseverance, intelligence, and was extremely brave and bold.

To begin with, Queen Elizabeth used perseverance to over come her many challenges. She had to fight through the battle between Spain and try as hard as she could to incorporate other peoples' ideas for the battle plan. Queen Elizabeth didn't physically fight in the battle, she made the big decisions that had to be made. She was like Barack Obama; she lead the war by making decisions. She made the very hard choice of using all of the ships she had to fight Spain and made Captain John White wait for the long journey back to Roanoke. She also learned the very important lesson not to behead people! The big Queen E beheaded Queen Mary, her Germen queen cousin, because the dirty rat betrayed her. One of her old friends, Phillip, thought that it was crazy to behead a Christian. She preserved through all of the drama that happened between her and Spain and stayed focused on the war. Before this happened Phillip wanted to marry Elizabeth! She made a good, but very hard choice to not marry Mr. Philip of Spain. This was a very hard choice to make because all the other people in England really wanted her to marry somebody and have children because she was such a great queen, they wanted the next ruler to have the blood of a AMAZING queen. Another, challenge she needed to use grit to get through is that she caught small pox. Small pox is a disease that leaves scars on your face for the rest of your life. There wasn’t a cure back in the 1600s. She did not want any outsiders to know she had small pox because almost everyone who caught it died. She luckily survived and ruled England for 41 years!

Additionally, Queen Elizabeth used her intelligence to over come some of her brutal challenges. She was very gifted as she grew up. Her teacher, Roger Ascham, said that he has never taught someone as smart as Elizabeth. Young Liz was a quick learner! In most of her portraits you can see either a book or a glob to resemble how much she loved reading and geography. Elizabeth amount of intelligence was very helpful during the battle between Spain because one wrong move would make the whole country go down in flames! The stress is unbearable. Another challenge she had to push through is that her dad killed her mom! Don't be too surprised, the guy killed all of his seven of his wives just for money. He would have killed Elizabeth if he hadn't died that soon. He wanted her mom to have a boy not a girl because he thought girls are weak, which I can assure you they are not! Elizabeth didn’t have any parents to inspire her, love, or care for her. All she had was the castle's maids, chefs, council, etc. So, she had to do everything in her own way. You probably learn better ways to solve problems from your parents, but since her parents weren't alive to help her she used all of her original ideas. Being intelligent helped Queen Elizabeth win the war because she had to make hard choices and base her battle commands on her back round knowledge.

Lastly, Queen Elizabeth used her great quality of being brave and bold to get through her many struggles of the war between England versus Spain. In England, every person that has taken on the throne was married and had children only *before* Queen Elizabeth. As you know, Queen Elizabeth was never married and never fancied the fact of being married. This was a *very* bold choice! People of the Privy Council, villagers, and almost everyone else thought that a queen is not strong enough to lead a war nor will they ever will be, but the queen proved them wrong. If her dad was alive than he would have decapitated her a long time a go because she was not married and a queen "couldn't" rule a country let alone lead a war! He was TOTALLY proved wrong that women are not as powerful as men because England won that war! Women are equal to men! Elizabeth was brave by believing in herself and not let her contrasts with the rest of England interfere with her ruling the country. Being brave is much harder than it seems. Queen Elizabeth was the first queen to never get married, lead a war and won, and not have any children. There is much more to Elizabeth than just her marriage choices!

In conclusion, Queen Elizabeth used many of her outstanding qualities such as perseverance, intelligence, and was brave and bold to get through the war between England and Spain. Remember, Queen Elizabeth also proved that you can achieve your goal if you really work hard, put your mind to it, and be your self.