History’s Turning Points: The Spanish Armada Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What were two reasons Spain could give to legitimize going to war with England?

2. Do you feel they were justified in doing so? Explain.

3. Fill in the chart.

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4. Which part of the Spanish Armada’s trip seemed to be the most damaging?

5. How can the Spanish Armada be considered more important than just a single battle between Spain and England?

6. Why is this battle considered a turning point in history?

7. Based on recent research, what might have changed the outcome of the event?

Read the following quote from Queen Elizabeth.

“I know I have the body of a feeble woman; but I have the heart and stomach of a king--and of a King of England too, and think any prince of Europe, should dare to invade the borders of my realm, to which I myself will take up arms--I myself will be your general, judge, and rewarder of every one of your virtues in the field.”

~Queen Elizabeth I (1588)

8. Describe the message that Elizabeth is trying to convey from this speech.