



Using the map to help you, read the Invasion Cards and discuss with a partner what order the events happened in. Then cut and stick them in chronological order in the blank boxes below.



In May 1558, under King Phillip II's orders, the Spanish Armada set sail from La Coruña in Spain.

On 19th July, the Spanish Armada was seen off the coast of Cornwall. Fire beacons were lit along the coast to spread the warning.

On 21st July, the English fleet set sail from Plymouth to try to stop the Spanish Armada.

The Armada sailed in a crescent formation, making it difficult to attack. The Spanish ships passed mostly unharmed through the English Channel.

The Spanish Armada anchored off the coast of Calais to await news of more soldiers that they were due to meet in Flanders.

At midnight on 28th July, the English set eight of their ships on fire and steered them into the Armada. This caused the Spanish to panic and scatter.

On 29th July, near the port of Gravelines, the English bombarded the Spanish. The Armada lost many men and five ships.

On 8th August, Queen Elizabeth I travelled to Tilbury in Essex to give a speech to the soldiers stationed there.

The Armada try to flee, but the English fleet were blocking the way south. They attempted to go north and sail around Scotland and Ireland instead.

Many Spanish ships were lost due to severe storms off the coasts of Scotland and Ireland. Less than one third of the ships returned to Spain.