



CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

Elizabeth I

ELIZABETH I



- Write as if you are in the room, seeing Elizabeth for the first time – make it flattering!

Features:

Expanded noun phrases

Grand vocabulary

Effect:

Reader thinks
this person is rich

Reader begins to learn
about the personality of this
person

Reader can picture what the
person is wearing.

Audience & Purpose:

Writing a character description,
based on information from her
portraits.

Reader thinks
this person is
Powerful

Reader can picture the
expression on the person's
face – maybe their mood?

simile
metaphor

Passive voice

ARMADA PORTRAIT ELIZABETH I

Look carefully at this portrait.

What can you see?

What clues are there about the character
of Elizabeth I?



PASSIVE VOICE

- 'to be' verb
- Past participle
- Prepositional phrase (...by ...of ...in etc)

Examples:

- The sentence **was** written **by** Mrs Nott.
- The sun **is** hidden **behind** the clouds.
- Her face **was** surrounded **with** an opulent collar.
- Now write your own sentences using the passive voice, inspired by the Armada Portrait of Elizabeth I



EXPANDED NOUN PHRASES

- The noun (step 1)
- Adjective/ adjectival phrase before the noun (Step 2)
- Prepositional phrase (...by ...of ...in etc) after the noun (Step 3)

1. pearls

2. radiant pearls

3. radiant pearls of magnificent beauty

- Now write your own expanded noun phrases, inspired by the Armada Portrait of Elizabeth I

