



The Renaissance

Britain at the centre of the world

feeling of **community** different from the continent

exploration and colonisation of new lands after defeating the Spanish Armada

King: symbol of social order who received his power from God (**divine right**)

Queen Elizabeth I: different from the traditional concept of medieval woman

famous **queens:** Mary Tudor and Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots

Great Chain of Being: everything in the universe had its place, an organic whole where **humankind** was the most central element of the chain

progressive and radical change in all fields

scientific discoveries (Copernicus, Galilei, Kepler)

Humanism and revival of **classical style**

Reformation (Luther, Calvin) and spread of the **Protestantism** in Europe