# The Rise and Fall of the Spanish Dynastic State – 1500s

## Political / Military Strengths:
- Strong bureaucracy:
- Strong Army/Navy
- 1st four monarchs – hard working
- Inquisition
- Reconquista

## Cultural / Intellectual Strengths:
- Religious unity
- Strong church/state relations
- Inquisition
- Divine Right Theory of Gov’t

## Economic / Social Strengths:
- New world riches
- “King’s fifth”
- Sale of offices
- Noble/clergy bought off – support crown

## Political / Military Weaknesses:
- Dynastic state – little loyalty outside Spain
- Phillip II’s Catholic Crusades (Losses to Dutch (1560s and English 1588)
- Loss in 30 Years War.
- Military over-extension
- Inbreeding in royal house

## Cultural / Intellectual Weaknesses:
- Price revolution
- No systematic method of taxation
- Noble/Clergy – tax exempt
- No strong bourgeoisie – unbalanced economic structure

## Economic / Social Weaknesses:
- Spanish attitudes towards work & business
- Racist policies towards Jews & Moors
England under Elizabeth I

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Apply this chart for France, England, HRE

- Complete with a breakdown of the rise and fall of the European nations
- Use terms, people and your reading of Kagan to complete these
• Each should be about one notebook page.