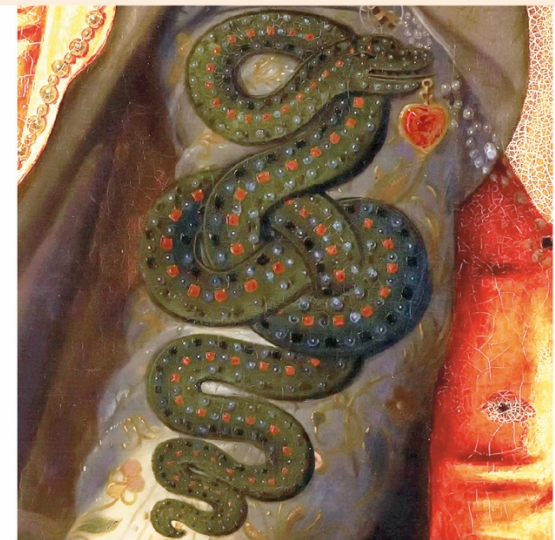


Queen Elizabeth I (1533 - 1603) has often been described as a master of propaganda; meaning she knew how to convey a political message through images.

This painting is referred to as the **The Rainbow Portrait** because it shows her holding a rainbow in her right hand.



The Rainbow Portrait of Elizabeth I.  
C.1600-1602 by Isaac Oliver or Marcus Gheeraerts the Younger



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This painting is absolutely loaded with symbolic objects and animals. Below are a few symbols for you to consider.

Make a thumbnail sketch or painting of one of them and think about what they might say about Elizabeth I. We will look at this painting in more detail in the next online session.