

Key Vocabulary

- **Queen Mary (Mary I)**
- Philip II of Spain
- ruthless
- burnt at the stake
- executed



Catherine of Aragon **Mary**

Prior Learning Task

Put the Tudor monarchs in the correct chronological order.



Mary I Henry VIII Elizabeth I Henry VII Edward VI

Mary is the only surviving child of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon, Henry VIII's first wife. **Mary** became the Queen of England in July 1553. Mary I was the first Queen Regnant (that is, a queen reigning in her own right rather than a queen through marriage to a king).

Having **Mary** as queen posed a significant problem: she was a Catholic.

At the time when **Mary** became Queen many people in England had a vested interest in the Protestant church since Henry VIII's dissolution of monasteries and Edward VI continuing to further inforce protestant as the religion.

Mary was short and slender, with a rosy-cheeked complexion and large hazel eyes. She had golden, bright auburn hair.

Mary was a devout Catholic, and she wanted to turn England back into a Catholic country. Mary promised to not treat Protestants harshly when she became queen, a promise she was not to keep...



Philip II of Spain

She also wanted to marry **Philip II of Spain**. **Philip** was Spanish and distrusted because of this.

As a result of her religious views, England went through the upheaval of turning back towards being a Catholic country.

Over her time as Queen, **Mary** continued trying to restore Catholicism across the country.

Mary was a **ruthless** Queen. She is remembered as '**Bloody Mary**', because of the numbers of people who were executed for being Protestants. Mary burned nearly three hundred Protestants at the stake when they refused to give up their religion.





In 1558, **Mary I** lost Calais, England’s last possession in France in and unsuccessful war.

Mary I then died in 1558 due to sickness. She was also childless, and her husband had left her. **Mary I**'s hopes for a Catholic country also died with her.

Listen to this song about Mary I.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXCIMmpETaA>

What did **Mary I** try to do as Queen?

Why was **Mary I** known as ‘Bloody Mary’?

Did **Mary I** deserve her nickname ‘Bloody Mary’?

TASK:

You need to write a letter to **Mary I** as if you were one of the members of the public living during her reign.

You need to write to her, telling her your feelings on changing your religion.

Think about the British values.

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We understand that our positive actions can influence decision-making.

We listen to and respect other people’s opinions and values.

We respect the culture and beliefs of others.

We follow the law of our country.

We treat everybody equally.

We try to help those living in our community.

Step for depth:

What do you think 'Mary I's hopes for a Catholic country also died with her' means? Explain your thoughts.