

## Queen Mary I - Bloody Mary

Queen Mary I of England, also known as Mary Tudor, \_\_\_\_\_ (be) one of the five monarchs from the famous Tudor family.



### Early Life

Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (be) born in 1516. She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the daughter of King Henry VIII and his first wife, Catherine of Aragon. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a very clever child and \_\_\_\_\_ (speak), \_\_\_\_\_ (read) and \_\_\_\_\_ (write) in many languages including Latin and Spanish. She was also very religious like her mother and \_\_\_\_\_ (follow) the Catholic faith.

In 1533, Henry \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to divorce Catherine as he \_\_\_\_\_ (want) a son to be his heir. Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ (remove) from her place in line to the throne and was \_\_\_\_\_ (send) away from court. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) allowed any contact with her mother as she \_\_\_\_\_ (not accept) her father's new wife, Anne Boleyn, as queen. This \_\_\_\_\_ (hurt) her relation with her father and they \_\_\_\_\_ (not speak) for three years.



Henry's third wife, Jane, \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to make peace between Mary and her father. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (agree) to the king's request to recognise him as the head of the church and was reunited with her father in 1536. After Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (die), Henry \_\_\_\_\_ (marry) another three

times. His final wife, Catherine Parr, \_\_\_\_\_ (persuade) the king to return Mary and Elizabeth to the line of succession in 1544.

In 1547, Henry \_\_\_\_\_ (die) and Mary's half-brother Edward \_\_\_\_\_ (become) king. During his reign, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) most of her time away from court as she \_\_\_\_\_ (disagree) with laws he had passed.

### Queen Mary

On 6<sup>th</sup> July 1553, Edward \_\_\_\_\_ (die) aged just 15. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) the crown to go to Mary as she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Catholic. Instead, he \_\_\_\_\_ (name) his cousin, Lady Jane Grey, as his heir and she was named queen on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Mary and her supporters \_\_\_\_\_ (be) furious, \_\_\_\_\_ (remove) Jane from the throne and \_\_\_\_\_ (lock) her in the Tower of London.

Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (be) crowned Queen of England on 1st October 1553. At first, she \_\_\_\_\_ (spare) Lady Jane's life but soon \_\_\_\_\_ (realize) that she would always be a threat to her crown and Jane was \_\_\_\_\_ (execute).

## Marriage

After being crowned, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (set) about finding a husband. She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) now 37 years old and was desperate for an heir. Her advisors \_\_\_\_\_ (suggest) she marry Prince Philip of Spain. The marriage was soon \_\_\_\_\_ (agree). Parliament \_\_\_\_\_ (write) 'Queen Mary's Marriage Act' which \_\_\_\_\_ (set) out terms meaning that Philip would not be able to act without Mary's permission. The couple \_\_\_\_\_ (marry) on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1554. Philip \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) much of his time away from Mary after being \_\_\_\_\_ (crown) King of Spain in January 1556.



## Bloody Mary

During Mary's reign, anyone who \_\_\_\_\_ (not follow) the Catholic faith was imprisoned and \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in danger of being executed. Hundreds of Protestants were \_\_\_\_\_ (burn) at the stake and many others \_\_\_\_\_ (choose) to leave England. Mary's hunting of non-Catholics and sending them to their deaths \_\_\_\_\_ (lead) to her becoming known as 'Bloody Mary'.

## Later Life and Death

Many times, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) herself to be pregnant but it \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) out to be false and no child ever \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).

In May 1558, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (become) very ill and was \_\_\_\_\_ (force) to name her sister Elizabeth, a protestant, as her heir. She \_\_\_\_\_ (die) on 17<sup>th</sup> November 1558 at the age of 42 and was \_\_\_\_\_ (bury) in Westminster Abbey.