

# History Knowledge Organiser HT5 - Why did Mary fail but Elizabeth succeed as a Monarch of England?

## Mary I: Bloody or Misunderstood?



### Who was she?

The daughter of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon

### Successes?

Her marriage with Philip made new trade routes between England and Africa.

During Mary's reign she introduced a new coining system.  
She welcomed a Russian ambassador to England, which created relations between Russia and England

### Failures?

She was married to King Philip of Spain who was very unpopular  
She restored Catholicism harshly which upset the Protestants  
Mary killed almost 300 heretics for not following the Catholic religion; this is what Mary is most renowned for which has earned her the nickname 'Bloody Mary'

## What challenges did Elizabeth face as Queen?

### Religious issues

- Elizabeth was Protestant
- She allowed Catholics to worship privately until she could no longer rely on their loyalty
- Elizabeth introduced laws which didn't allow Catholics to attend mass, have priests in their home and they could not travel more than 5 miles from their home
- Elizabeth faced numerous threats and opposition within England and from countries like Spain and France.
- Elizabeth faced many Catholic rebellions which attempted to overthrow her e.g. the Northern Rebellion 1569 and the Ridolfi Plot 1571

### The Spanish Armada 1588



Causes	Consequences
<p>English ships had been raiding Spanish ships</p> <p>Philip wanted Catholicism restored in England</p> <p>Philip was angry Elizabeth refused his marriage proposal</p> <p>Elizabeth helped the Dutch rebel against Philip's rule</p> <p>Philip believed Elizabeth persecuted Catholics</p>	<p>The attack was a failure as Elizabeth's fleet successfully defeated the Spanish</p> <p>Elizabeth showed herself to be a great leader</p> <p>England had proved it was a major naval power</p> <p>Relations with Spain were at an time low</p> <p>Elizabeth launched a counter-attack on the Spanish the following year</p>

### Mary Queen of Scots



Mary was Elizabeth's cousin and her closing living relative who was heir to the throne as Elizabeth had no children-she was Catholic!



- Mary arrived in England after she escaped from prison in Scotland.
- Elizabeth locked Mary up in a tower for approx. 19 years.
- Mary was supporting a plot to kill Elizabeth known as the Babington Plot and so Mary was executed in 1587.

### The issues of marriage

In 1564, Elizabeth declared she was 'married to her kingdom' and therefore never married and remained the 'Virgin Queen'. But, who wanted her hand in marriage?



Francis, Duke of Alencon

A Catholic, French prince much younger than Elizabeth. It was said she was too old by the time the marriage was seriously considered.



Phillip II of Spain

The Catholic, Spanish King who had been married to Elizabeth's sister Mary before she died. Many believed he wanted to seize control over England.



Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester

A Protestant, English member of Elizabeth's royal court. They had been friends since childhood and it was believed they were in love by many.

### Was Elizabethan England really a 'golden age'?

#### Exploration

England discovered new lands and people and so England became a major power. Sir Walter Raleigh captured £400,000 (worth £200 million today!) from Spanish ships for England

#### Literature

Poetry and plays were very popular e.g.

Shakespearean plays

#### Education

Extremely important during Elizabeth's reign. Girls were starting to receive some education

#### Theatre

Many theatres were built showing plays e.g. Romeo and Juliet. The theatre portrayed Elizabeth very positively and allowed social classes to mix.



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