

## Mary, Queen of Scots

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Mary Stuart was born in 1542, the daughter of James V, King of Scotland, and his wife, Mary of Guise. She was the queen of Scotland from 1542 to 1567.

She was only 6 days old when her father died and she became the “Queen of Scots.” While she was young, Scotland was ruled by powerful nobles, called regents. The regents arranged a marriage for her to Francis, the heir to the French throne. Mary was just 5 years old when the marriage treaty was made. She was sent to France to grow up. Mary married Francis in 1558. A year later, Francis became king of France. Mary was then queen of Scotland and France.

In 1560, Mary’s husband, Francis, died. She went back to Scotland, where she was still queen. She had not been there for 13 years.

Mary fell in love and married again in 1565. She married her cousin, Lord Darnley. The next year, they had a son, James.

Lord Darnley died in 1567. Mary married again, this time to Lord Bothwell. The noblemen did not like Lord Bothwell. They made Mary give up her throne and put in prison. Her son, James, a year old, became king.

Mary escaped prison and raised an army to get her throne back. She was defeated and escaped to England, where her cousin, Elizabeth I, was queen. Elizabeth was afraid Mary wanted to be queen of England also. She made Mary stay in England for 19 years. In 1587, Mary was put on trial for making plans against Elizabeth. She was found guilty and was executed.

Who did Mary marry first?

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How old was Mary when she became queen?

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Who became king after Mary?

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Who was Mary’s cousin and queen of England?

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