



The life of Mary, Queen of Scots

1542 December

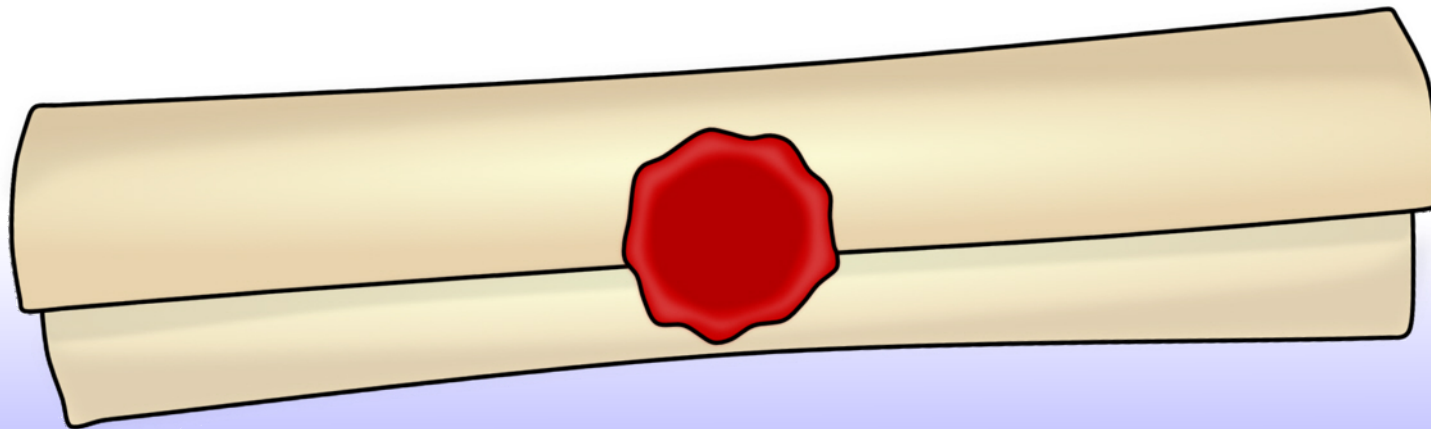
Mary Stuart is born
on 8th December, 1542.

One week later she
becomes queen of
Scotland after the
death of her father,
James V.



1543 1st July

At the Treaty of Greenwich, Mary is betrothed to marry Prince Edward (the son of Henry VIII of England), but the Scottish Lords block the treaty because they want her to marry the son of France's king, Francis Valois.



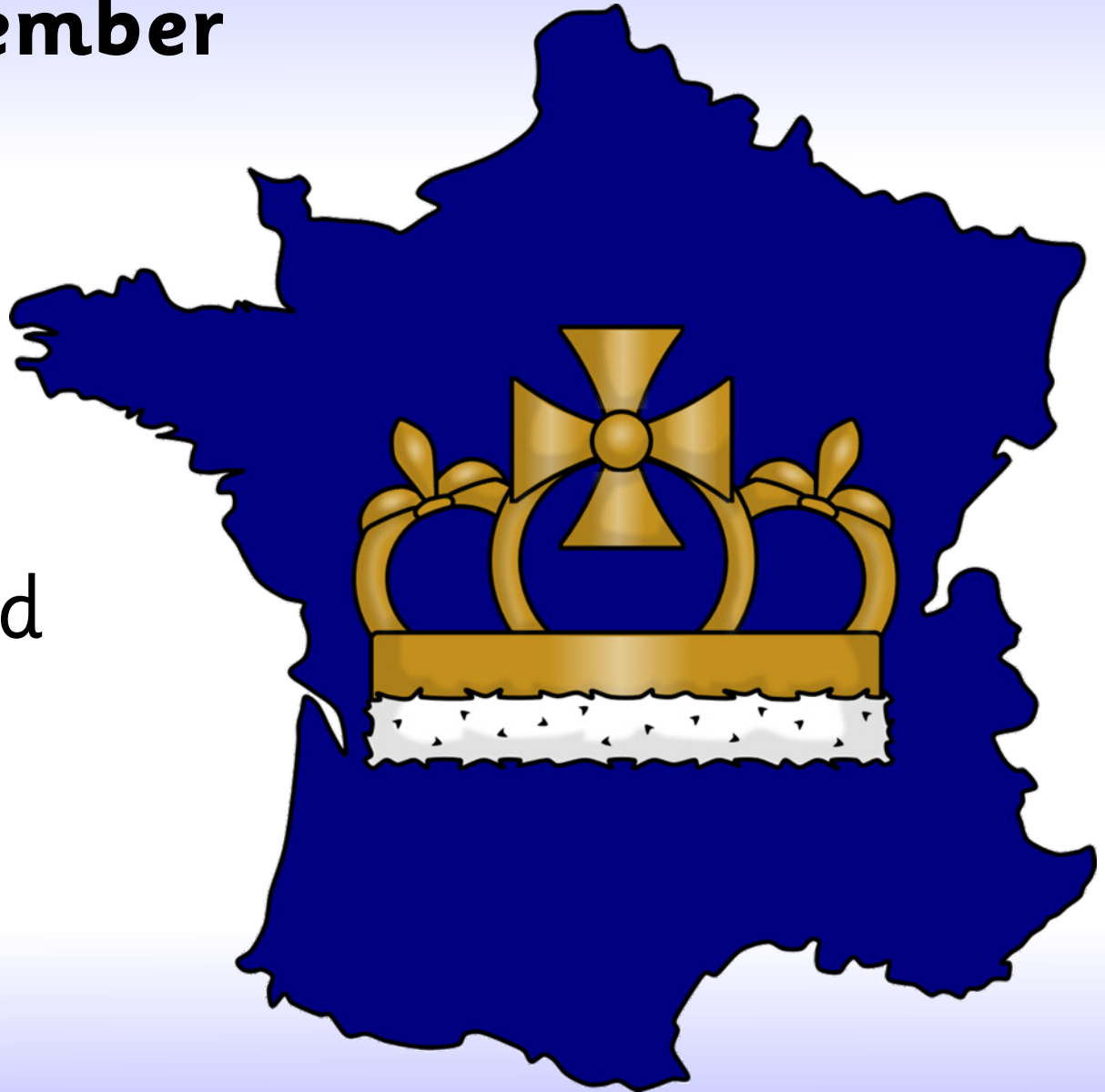
1558 24th April

Mary, Queen of Scots,
marries the French Dauphin
(the son of the king),
Francis Valois (aged 14)
at Notre Dame in Paris.



1559 September

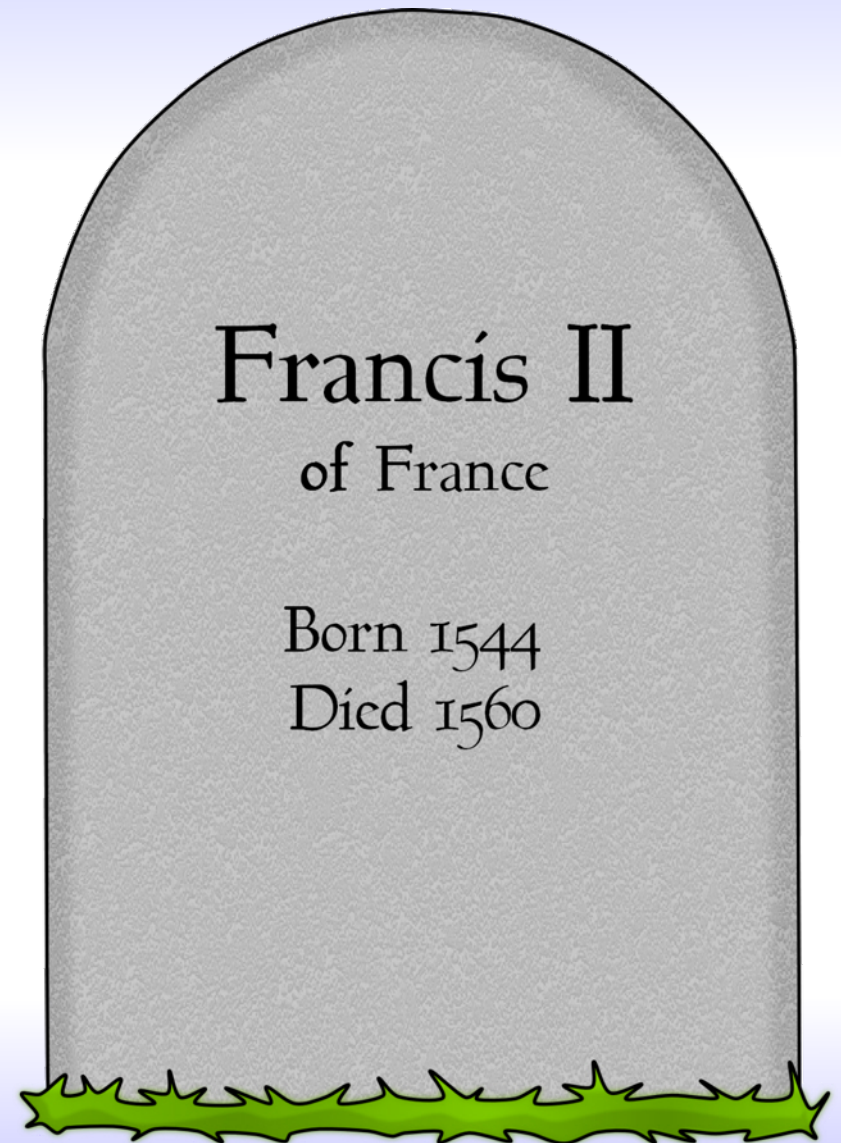
Mary becomes
Queen of France
when her husband
becomes king.



1560 December

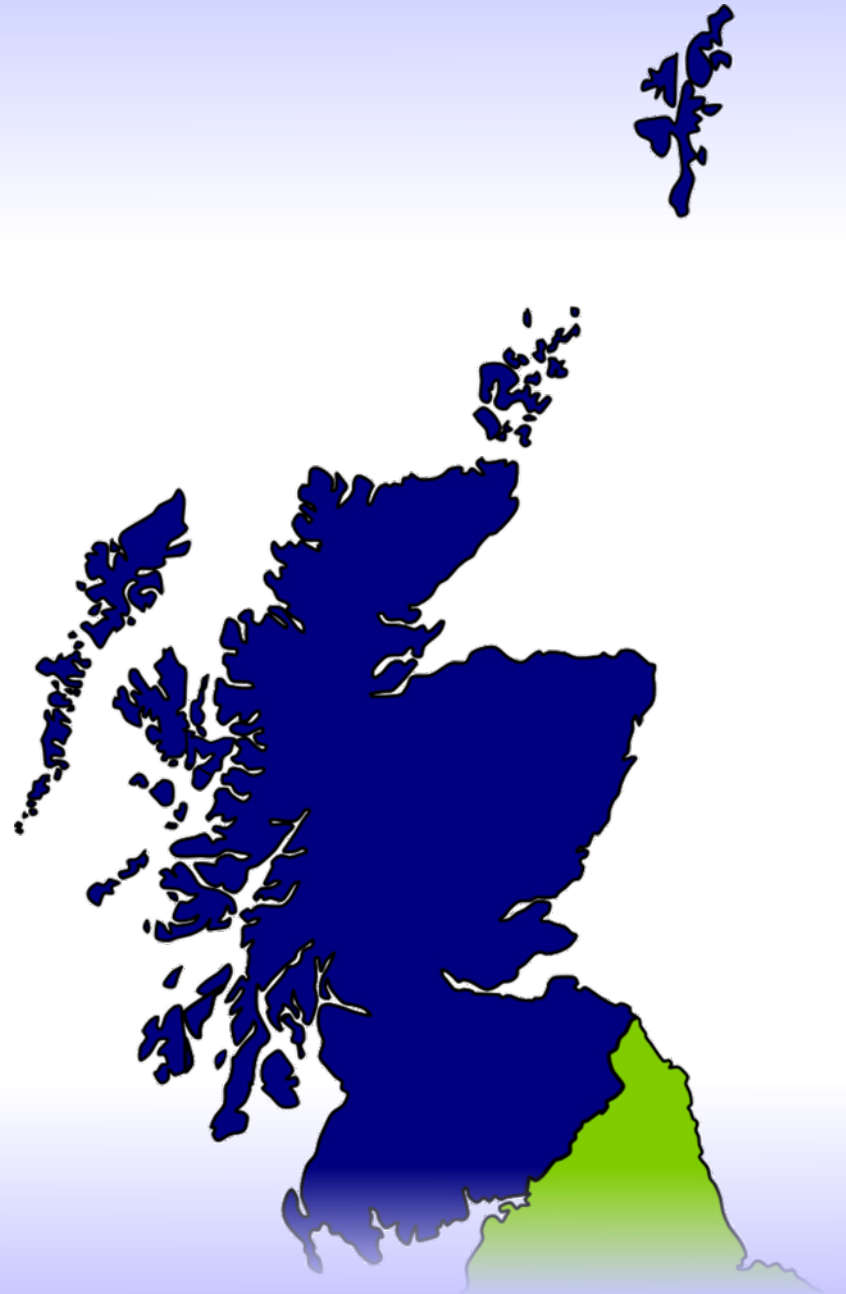
Mary's husband, King Francis II, dies on 5th December and Mary is no longer queen in France.

Mary returns to Scotland.



1561 19th August

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1565 29th July

Mary marries her cousin Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley, in a Catholic wedding.

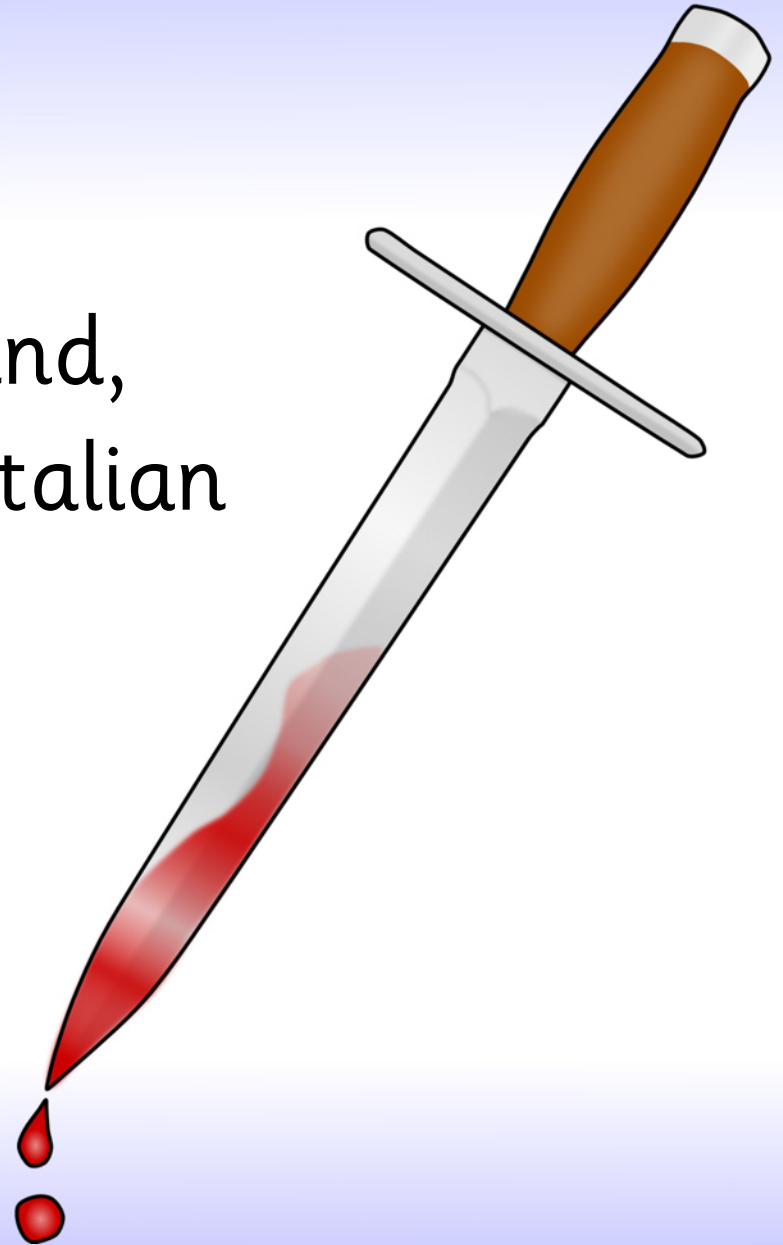
The marriage is a disaster.



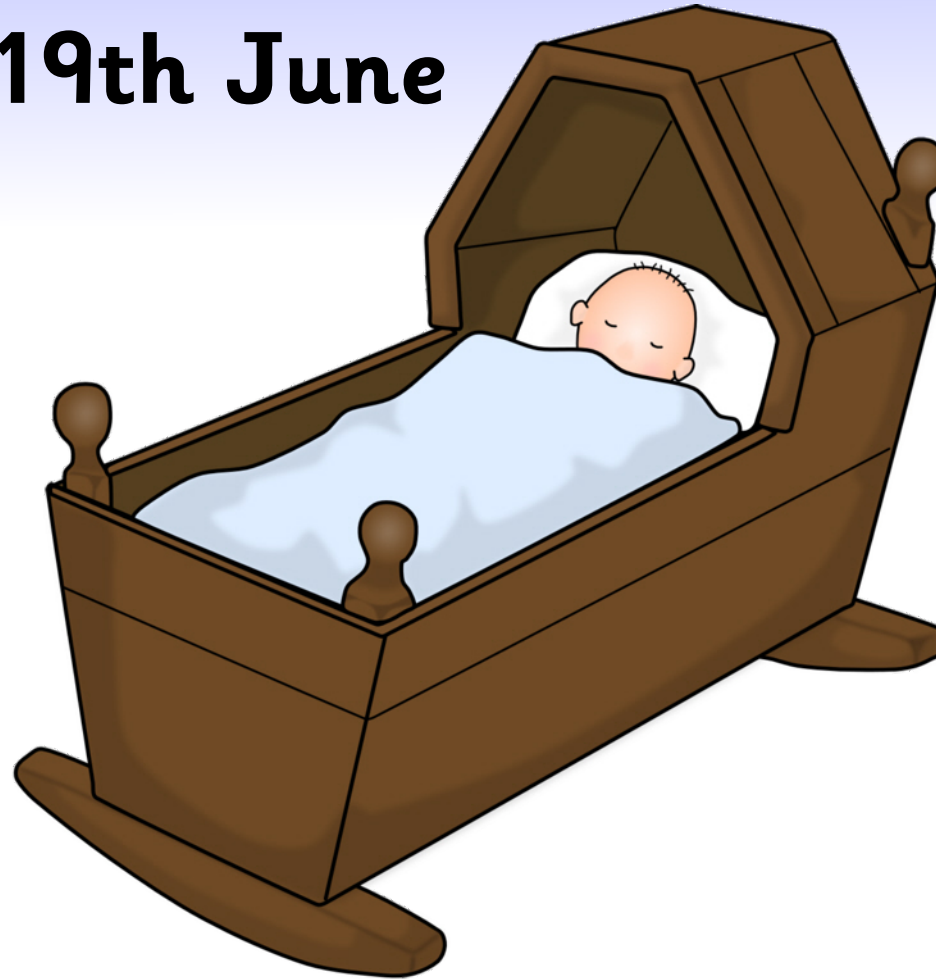
1566 March

Lord Darnley, Mary's husband, becomes jealous of Mary's Italian secretary, David Rizzio.

He bursts into Mary's room with a company of men and Rizzio is murdered.



1566 19th June

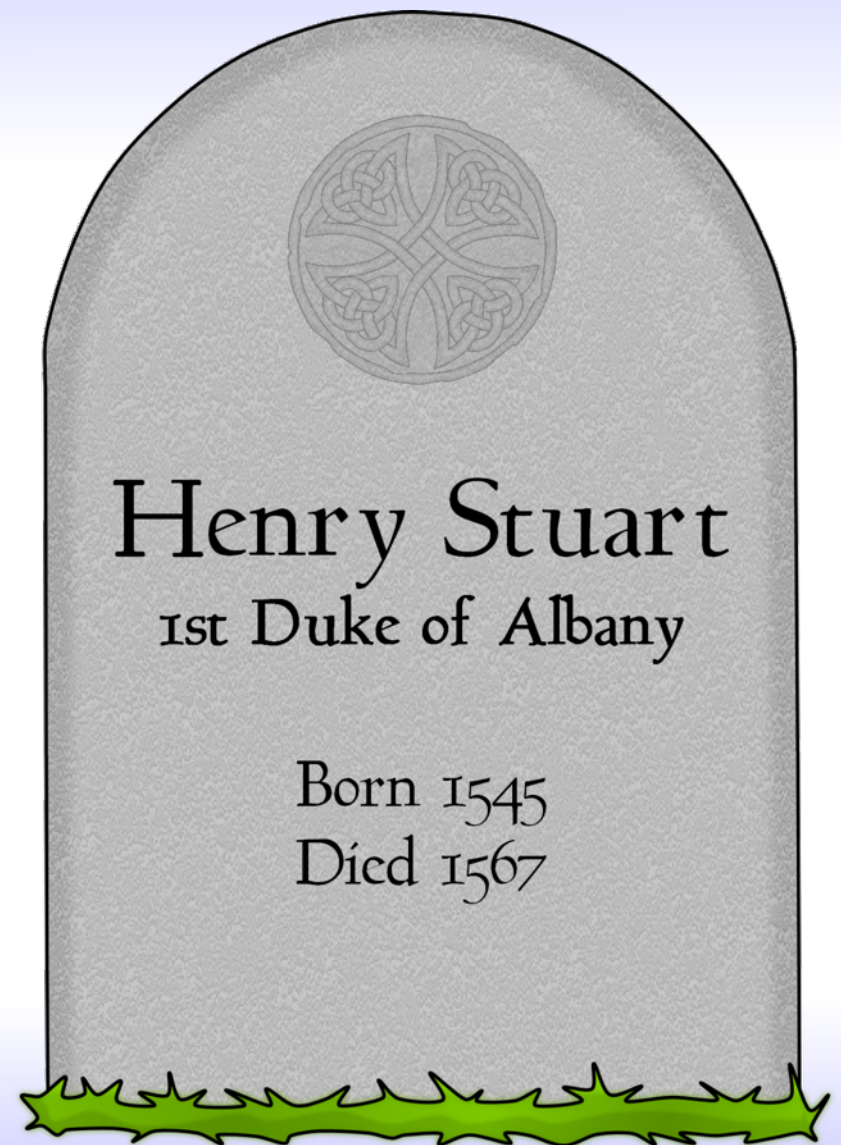


Mary, Queen of Scots, gives birth to the future King James VI of Scotland and I of England.

1567 9th February

Mary's husband,
Lord Darnley
(Henry Stuart),
1st Duke of Albany,
is assassinated.

The Earl of Bothwell is
accused of the murder.



1567 **May and June**

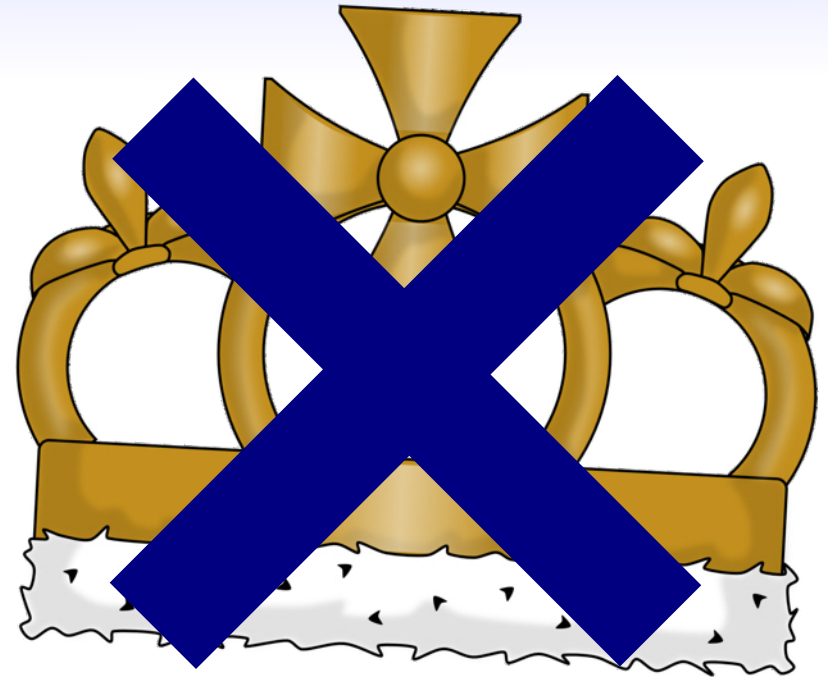


Mary marries the Earl of Bothwell on 14th May.

The Scottish Lords turn against them and Mary is imprisoned in Loch Leven castle.

1567 24th June

Whilst imprisoned, Mary is forced to abdicate and her young son, James VI (aged 1), becomes king of Scotland.

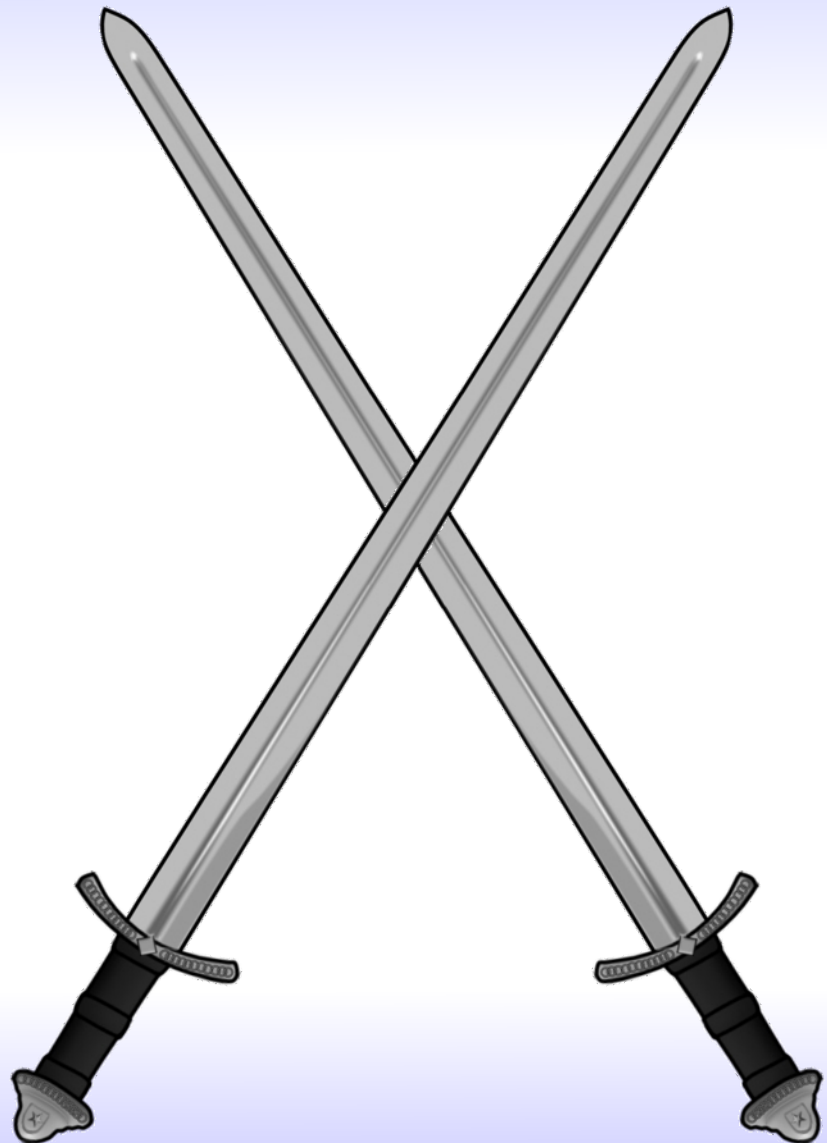


The Earl of Mar is appointed regent because of the king's young age.

1568 May

Mary escapes from Loch Leven Castle.

In the Battle of Langside, Mary's army is defeated and she flees to England.

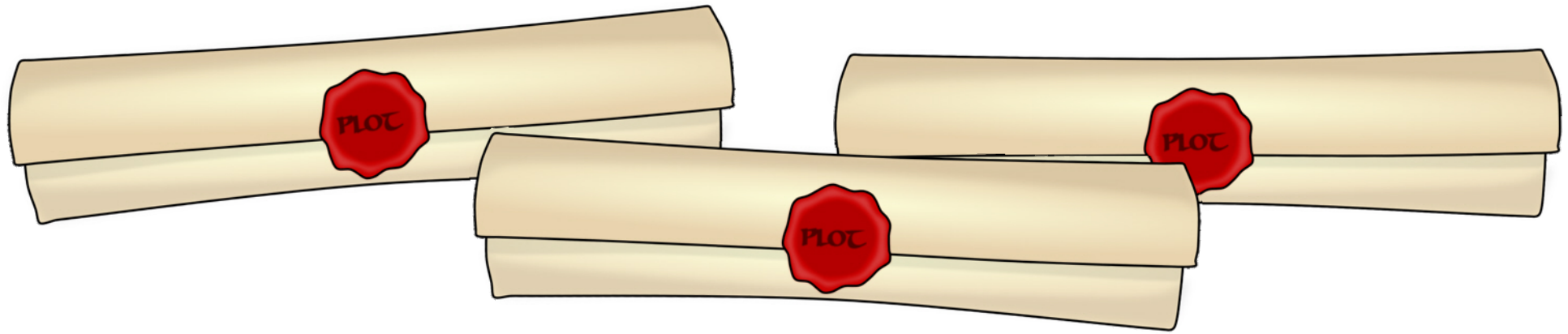


1568 October



Mary is put on trial to investigate the murder of her former husband, Lord Darnley, but she is not convicted.

1571-1586



Several plots to murder Elizabeth I and make Mary queen of England are exposed.

Mary is put on trial on 15th October, 1586.

1587 8th February

Mary is executed at Fotheringhay Castle. She was aged 44 and had been a prisoner in England for 19 years.

