**Mary, Queen of Scots**

Born in 1542 in Linlithgow Palace. She was daughter of James V of Scotland and Mary of Guise. She was crowned Queen od Scotland on September 9, 1542. Because her father died, Lord Erskine and Lord Livingstone protected her and took care about her.

King Henry VIII. wanted alliance with the Scotland, so he proposed a marriadgebetween his son, Edward and Marry. THe marriadge failed, so kind wented to Scotland with war. From 1544 to 1551 was “The Rough Wooing“.

Her first husband was Fancis (son of the king of France, Henry II). He died two yaers after.

Her second husband was Lord Darnley (=Henry,King od Scots). They had son James I of England. Darnley died by strungulation after a gunpowder blast designed to kill him failed. This plot invented Mary with Earll of Bothwell, whose became her third husband. Scots forced Mary to give up her throne and locked her in a castle beacuse public knew that she was accused on the murder. She escaped to England, where ruled Elizabeth I (her cousin). Elizabeth had imprisoned Mary.

**The threat Elizabeth form Mary**

-She had claim to the English throne because she was related to King Henry VIII.

-she was Catholic – threat for English Protestants (burnings by „Bloody Marry“)

-Alliance with France and Spain ->emove the Protestant religion and restore Catholicism

-Because charge of the murder (of her second husband) she was even more dangerous.

**On 8 February 1587, Mary was executed at Fotheringay Castle. She wanted to die like a Catholic martyr.**