

A Mary, Queen of Scots Timeline



The Year 1542

- **14 November:** Battle of _____ where Mary's father James V suffers a defeat by the English. He travels to Falkland Palace where he is said to have laid down and turned his face to the wall.
- **8 December:** Mary is born at _____ Palace. Her parents are James V and his second wife, French noblewoman Mary of _____.
- **14 December:** Death of Mary's father James V, just six days after the birth of his daughter.
- **9 September:** Mary is crowned Queen of Scots at _____ Castle. She is only nine months old!

The Year 1548

- **7 August:** Five-year old Mary is taken to _____ for her own safety, to be raised at the French court alongside her promised husband, the crown prince of France. Henry VIII, King of England, has been at war with Scotland to force a marriage between Mary and his own son Edward, known as the Rough Wooing

The Year 1558

- **24 April:** Mary marries the French Crown Prince, François in Notre Dame Cathedral in _____
- **17 November:** Mary's cousin Elizabeth I becomes Queen of England

The Year 1559

- **10 July:** Mary's husband François becomes King of France.

The Year 1560

- **11 June:** Death of Mary's mother in Scotland
- **5 December:** Death of Mary's _____ François

The Year 1561

- **14 August:** The young widow Mary leaves France
- **19 August:** Mary arrives in _____, earlier than expected and in foggy conditions
- **2 September:** Mary's formal Royal Entry to Edinburgh

The Year 1562

- **11 August:** Mary rides north to confront the rebellious Earl of Huntly and visit the Highlands (events featured in *The Boy, the Witch and the Queen of Scots*)

The Year 1565

- **29 July:** Mary marries _____
- **26 August:** The Scottish Lords turn against Mary in the Chaseabout Raid

The Year 1566

- **9 March:** Mary's secretary _____ is murdered in front of her
- **19 June:** Mary and Darnley's son _____ is born
- **October 1566:** Mary's illness at Jedburgh, following a controversial visit to the injured courtier _____

The Year 1567

- **10 February:** Mary's husband Darnley is _____
- **15 May:** Mary marries James Hepburn, Earl of _____
- **24 July:** Mary, Queen of Scots abdicates, held prisoner in Loch Leven Castle. The rest of her life would be spent in captivity, despite several attempts to escape.

The Year 1586

- Out of options, Mary is tricked into agreeing to the Babington Plot and tried for _____ on **15 October**

The Year 1587

- **8 February:** Execution of Mary, Queen of Scots after ____ years in captivity