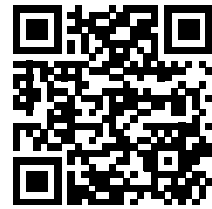


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# Marian Civil War and Scottish Reformation



The Marian Civil War, a pivotal conflict in Scottish history, began in 1567 after \_\_\_\_\_, Queen of Scots, was forced to abdicate her throne. This event split Scotland into two hostile camps. On one side were Mary's \_\_\_\_\_, who wished to see her regain the throne and continue the practice of Catholicism. On the other side were the \_\_\_\_\_, who supported the infant King James VI and were keen on advancing the Protestant Reformation.

The war highlighted the deep religious \_\_\_\_\_ in Scotland. The Protestants, led by figures like James Stewart, Earl of Moray, favored a reformed church free of \_\_\_\_\_ authority. They saw Mary's Catholic alliances as a threat to their religious and political aspirations. In contrast, Mary's supporters viewed her as the legitimate ruler and defender of the \_\_\_\_\_ faith in Scotland.

Throughout the conflict, battles and skirmishes were frequent, and both sides sought support from powerful \_\_\_\_\_. Mary looked to France, traditionally an ally of Scottish Catholics, while the Protestant leaders leaned on \_\_\_\_\_ for support. This external involvement further intensified the conflict, turning it into a part of the wider European \_\_\_\_\_ between Protestant and Catholic states.

The war eventually concluded with the defeat of Mary's forces at the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ in 1568. Mary fled to England, where she became a political prisoner. Her \_\_\_\_\_ marked the end of significant Catholic resistance in Scotland and solidified the Protestant \_\_\_\_\_ over Scottish politics and religion.

This period was crucial for the Scottish Reformation. It not only cemented \_\_\_\_\_ as the dominant religion but also reshaped the political landscape of Scotland. The end of the Marian \_\_\_\_\_ marked a turning point where religious affiliations were firmly tied to political power, influencing Scottish \_\_\_\_\_ for generations to come.

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