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Mary 1 and Tudor England



Mary I, also known as Mary	_, was the first queen regnant of England. Her reign	
began in 1553 after the death of her younger brother,		
determined to restore Catholicism, which had been dis	placed by Protestant	
during the reigns of her father, Henry VIII, and Edward	VI. To achieve this, she married	
II of Spain, aligning hersel	f with a powerful Catholic monarch.	
Her policies included the repeal of	legislation and the re-establishment of	
papal supremacy. This return to	was met with resistance and led to the	
persecution of Protestants. Mary's	burned over 280 dissenters at the stake,	
	Mary.	
Despite her religious policies, Mary faced several chall	enges. She had to navigate a kingdom that was	
deeply divided by religious	. Her marriage to Philip II was unpopular; many	
English citizens feared that England would become a p		
Moreover, Mary's inability to produce an heir weakened	her position and led to questions about the	
succession.		
Her economic were somewl	hat more successful. Mary reformed the currency,	
which had been debased by previous monarchs, stabilizing	ing the She also	
restored fiscal stability by improving tax collection me	ethods, which helped to refill the royal	
However, Mary's reign was also marked by military fail		
	diminished England's influence in European politics.	
Mary's health began to deteriorate, and she died in 155		
throne. Her half-sister, Elizabeth I, succeeded her, and	·	
•	ultimately had a limited impact, as Elizabeth's long	
and successful reign overshadowed her own. Despite th	e surrounding her	
policies, Mary's reign is significant for being the first t	time a woman ruled England in her own	
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