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Thread on Mary Stuart aka Mary, Queen of Scotts because I watched a documentary about her and it was fascinating also because I think she was an interesting and brave woman

Mary Stuart, also known as Mary I of Scotland. She was the only surviving legitimate child of King James V of Scotland, who died in battle within days of her birth. She inherited the throne of Scotland as it's queen at mere age of six days. As she was a child, her mother,

Marie of Guise, was the regent ruler. Mary spent most of her childhood in the French Court, being betrothed to Francis De Valois, the dauphin of France and the son of King Henry II of France. King Henry died in a game of joust when Francis was fifteen and thus, Mary became the

Queen Consort of France in 1588 by marrying Francis and acceding the throne, at the age of 17. Francis, however, fell ill and died as a result of an ear infection two years later in 1560. After his death, Mary returned to Scotland to continue her rule. Four years later, she

Married Lord Darnely, her half cousin and they had a son, James. Queen Elizabeth of England was not happy with this marriage as Mary and Darnely both being descendants of Margaret Tudor, had a strong claim to the English throne. Two years later in 1567, Darnely was killed in

An explosion, rumored to have been orchestrated by Mary's lover, Earl of Bothwell. Mary's marriage to Bothwell the same year as Darnely's death enraged the nobles and caused an uprising, forcing her to abdicate her throne in favour of her one year old son, James. She planned

A coup once again after that but failed, as a result having to flee and seek protection from her Cousin and the Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth. Seeing Mary as a threat, Elizabeth had Mary imrpisoned for 19 years, though it is said that the two queens had a friendly bond

And the imprisonment was only to please the nobles. Now, since Mary, being a descendant of Margaret Tudor as well as a prominent catholic queen, was the strongest contender to the throne of England, making her the focus of countless plots and schemes to overthrow Elizabeth

Finally in October 1586, Mary was tried and proven guilty for a plot of assassination against Elizabeth and sentenced to death for treason. She was exectued in Fotheringhay on 7th February, 1587. This is the interesting part for me. Mary spent the last hours of her life

Praying and distributing her belongings amongst servants. Before she kneeled on the scaffold, her attending ladies removed her outer cloak to reveal an dress made of crimson velvet and black satin, the colours representating martyrdom. Before the execution she was blindfolded

With a white veil lined with gold. Her last words were "In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum" ("Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit")
It took three blows for the execution to cut off her head and when he held her head in his hands, it was revealed that she

Covered her hair with a wig, and that her real hair had grown short and grey by years of suffering. An eyewitness account describes that the queen's dog came scurrying out from under her skirt after the execution though it isn't sure if that was true or not. Her lips are said to

Subtly moved till after fifteen minutes of her death. The execution was rumordely against the orders of Elizabeth though it isn't clear if her denialbility was true or to avoid the blame of a fellow queen's death.

Elizabeth had Devinson, the one responsible for the execution severely punished for the charge of misimprisonment. Mary was given a protestant funeral by Elizabeth after she refused to have her Buried in France.

I've read over a couple of more things about her life but I'm tired of typing so if you made it this far, ty for reading■

Shit I'm so sorry I didn't tw it got sent out before that