

The Reign of Mary I

1553	3 Aug:	Mary Tudor acclaimed Queen in London.
	1 Oct:	Coronation of Mary I. Proxy m. to Philip of Spain.
	16 Nov:	Mary informs Commons delegation that she will marry Philip of Spain.
1554	Jan:	Sir Thomas Wyatt's Kentish plot to prevent Mary's m. to Philip.
	12 Feb:	Princess Elizabeth imprisoned in Tower.
	12 Apr:	Mary of Guise Regent of Scotland.
	22 May:	Elizabeth freed.
	25 July:	Mary m. Philip of Spain.
1555	Nov:	Death of Stephen Gardiner, Bishop of Winchester.
1556	16 Jan:	Charles V abdicates and Philip II, his son, becomes King of Spain and the Netherlands.
	18 Mar:	Mary orders arrest of Sir Henry Dudley and others after plot to place Elizabeth on throne.
1558	24 Apr:	Mary of Scotland m. dauphin Francis in Paris.
	17 Nov:	D. of Mary Tudor and the Cardinal Pole. Elizabeth, at Hatfield, succeeds. Reorganizes royal household and reappoints William Cecil as Chief Secretary of State.
	Dec:	In Scotland, John Knox is urging rebellion against regency of Mary of Guise.

The Reign of Elizabeth I

1559	10 Jan:	Philip II proposes m. to Elizabeth.
	15 Jan:	Elizabeth I crowned at Westminster Abbey.
	25 Jan:	Parliament assembles.
	10 Feb:	Elizabeth announces to parliament that she has no plans to marry.
	29 Apr:	Acts of Uniformity and Supremacy passed, renouncing papal authority in England.
	5 June:	Elizabeth rejects proposal of marriage from Charles, Archduke of Austria and son of the Emperor Ferdinand.
	24 July:	Truce between Mary of Guise and Protestant Lords of the Congregation.
	17 Oct:	Protestant Lords of the Congregation depose Mary of Guise as regent.
	6 Nov:	Mary of Guise reintroduces the Mass.
1560	6 July:	Treaty of Edinburgh provides for French and English withdrawal from Scotland Mary of Scotland's recognition of Elizabeth as rightful Queen of England and a Protestant provisional government.
	24 Aug:	Scotland turns Protestant.
1562	Oct:	Queen Elizabeth ill with smallpox at Hampton Court; Robert Dudley named Protector.
	28 Oct:	Mary Queen of Scot's victory over Earl of Huntly, 'cock o' the north', at Corriche in Aberdeenshire. Huntly d. of heart attack.
1564	Mar:	Elizabeth offers Robert Dudley as husband for Mary of Scotland.
	28 Sept:	Robert Dudley created Earl of Leicester.
1565	29 July:	Mary of Scotland m. Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley, great grandson of Henry VII, at Holyrood.
1569	Sept:	Duke of Norfolk plotting against Elizabeth.
	Nov:	Rebellion of the Northern Earls (Thomas Percy, Earl of Northumberland, and Charles Neville, Earl of Westmoreland), in favour of Mary Queen of Scots, then held at Sheffield Castle. Earls flee to Liddesdale, Scotland.
	1 Nov:	Thomas Howard, 4 th Duke of Norfolk, arrested.
1570	Jan:	450 participants in rebellion of the earls executed.

	Feb:	Pope Pius V issues Regnans in Excelsis, excommunicating Elizabeth.
	8 July:	Pope finally excommunicates Elizabeth I.
	3 Aug:	Duke of Norfolk released into house arrest.
	Sept:	Elizabeth considering m. either with Archduke Charles or Henri, duc d' Anjou.
1571	25 Feb:	William Cecil created Lord Burghley.
	3 Sept:	Duke of Norfolk arrested for complicity in Ridolfi Plot and put in Tower.
1572	16 Jan:	Norfolk found guilty of treason.
	21 Jan:	Queen defers Norfolk's execution.
	2 June:	execution of Duke of Norfolk.
	June:	Elizabeth's name linked to duc d' Alencon and parliament presses for heir.
1573	Dec:	Sir Francis Walsingham, radical Protestant, made a Secretary of State along with Sir Thomas Smith.
1577	May:	Archbishop Grindal placed under house arrest.
1578	June:	Elizabeth reconsiders proposals for m. to duc d' Alencon.
1579	Aug:	Francis, Duke of Alencon, woos Elizabeth I.
	3 Nov:	Elizabeth has John Stubbs executed for objecting to proposed m. with Alencon.
1580	June:	Jesuit missionaries, Edmund Campion and Robert Parsons, arrive at Dover.
1581	17 July:	Edmund Campion, Jesuit missionary, arrested in Bershire and accused of treason.
	1 Dec:	execution of Campion.
1582	Feb:	Alencon leaves England after failure of m. negotiations.
1583	6 July:	D. of Archbp Grindal under house arrest at Lambeth.
1584	Jan:	Expulsion of Spanish ambassador, Bernadino de Mendoza, for complicity in Throckmorton plot.
	Oct:	Burghley and Walsingham draft proposal for 'Bond of Association' which people will sign to pledge themselves to protect Elizabeth and overthrow her enemies.
1586	1 Feb.	Elizabeth reluctantly signs death warrant of Mary of Scotland, her cousin.
	8 Feb.	Execution of Mary Queen of Scots at Fotheringhay Castle.
	14 Feb.	Elizabeth in mourning for Mary.
1590	6 Apr.	Death of Sir Francis Walsingham.
1591	21 Nov.	Proclamation against Jesuits, dated 18 October.
	10 Dec.	Execution of 7 Catholics, including 4 Jesuits.
1593	27 Feb.	Gilbert Laton, recusant, confesses Jesuit plot to kill the Queen.