



# **THE REFORMATION IN ENGLAND**

The German **Lutherans** in the Holy Roman Empire were not the only group to **break away** from the Catholic Church and form their own religion

Another **threat** to Church authority would soon come from **England**



Unlike the devout Martin Luther, the English man who broke away from the Church did so for *political* and *personal* reasons, NOT spiritual reasons





Henry VIII (the 8<sup>th</sup>) was the ***king of England*** from 1509 to 1547

For much of his reign, Henry supported the Catholic Church, but ***political needs*** would test his religious loyalty

Like all kings, Henry wants a ***son*** to ***inherit*** the crown after he dies

The problem? He only has one ***daughter***



Henry knew that his 42 year old **wife** Catherine would not be having any more **children**

He needs a son, so he wants to **divorce** Catherine and marry a **younger queen**

The problem is that divorce is **not permitted** in the Catholic Church, which Henry is a part of

Henry asked the Pope to ***annul*** (eliminate or set aside) his marriage to Catherine

The Pope ***refused***

Henry still needed a legitimate son from a ***legitimate marriage*** to inherit the kingship (an illegitimate son from a girlfriend or mistress would not be able to become king ***legally***)





Henry called a meeting of England's **government** (the Parliament)

He asked **Parliament** to pass laws that would end the **Pope's power** in England

This meeting would be called the **Reformation Parliament**

Henry married Anne Boleyn in secret; Parliament then made his **divorce** from Catherine **legal** and made England's break from the Pope official



With the Act of Supremacy,  
King Henry VIII ***cut all ties***  
to the Catholic Church

He became the official  
head of the new ***Church***  
***of England***

The *practices* of the Church of England and the Catholic Church were nearly *identical*



There were two major differences between the two Churches; one, *divorce is legal* in England

Second, the king, *not the Pope*, is the head of England's Church

# RESULTS OF HENRY'S ACTIONS



# HENRY'S SIX WIVES



*Catherine  
of Aragon*  
**divorced**



*Anne  
Boleyn*  
**executed**



*Jane  
Seymour*  
**died**



*Anne  
of Cleves*  
**divorced**



*Kathryn  
Howard*  
**executed**



*Katherine  
Parr*  
**survived**

One result is that Henry was *free* to marry, *divorce*, and remarry as he pleased

Before he died in 1547, Henry would marry *six different women*

# HENRY'S THREE CHILDREN



**EDWARD IV**



**MARY I**



**ELIZABETH I**

Only *three children* came from those six marriages; all three children would *rule England* at different times



Henry's only son, ***Edward***, came from his third wife, Jane Seymour

Edward was a ***sickly*** boy who became king at age 9; he would ***die*** at age 15

When her younger half-brother Edward died, Mary became *queen*

Mary was Catholic and ordered that *England* once again become a *Catholic* country

By now, the Church of England was established, so Mary met with *resistance*



Anyone who resisted paid the price: Mary ordered thousands of Protestants *executed* by beheading, burning, and drawing and quartering



All of this earned  
Queen Mary the  
nickname  
*“Bloody Mary”*

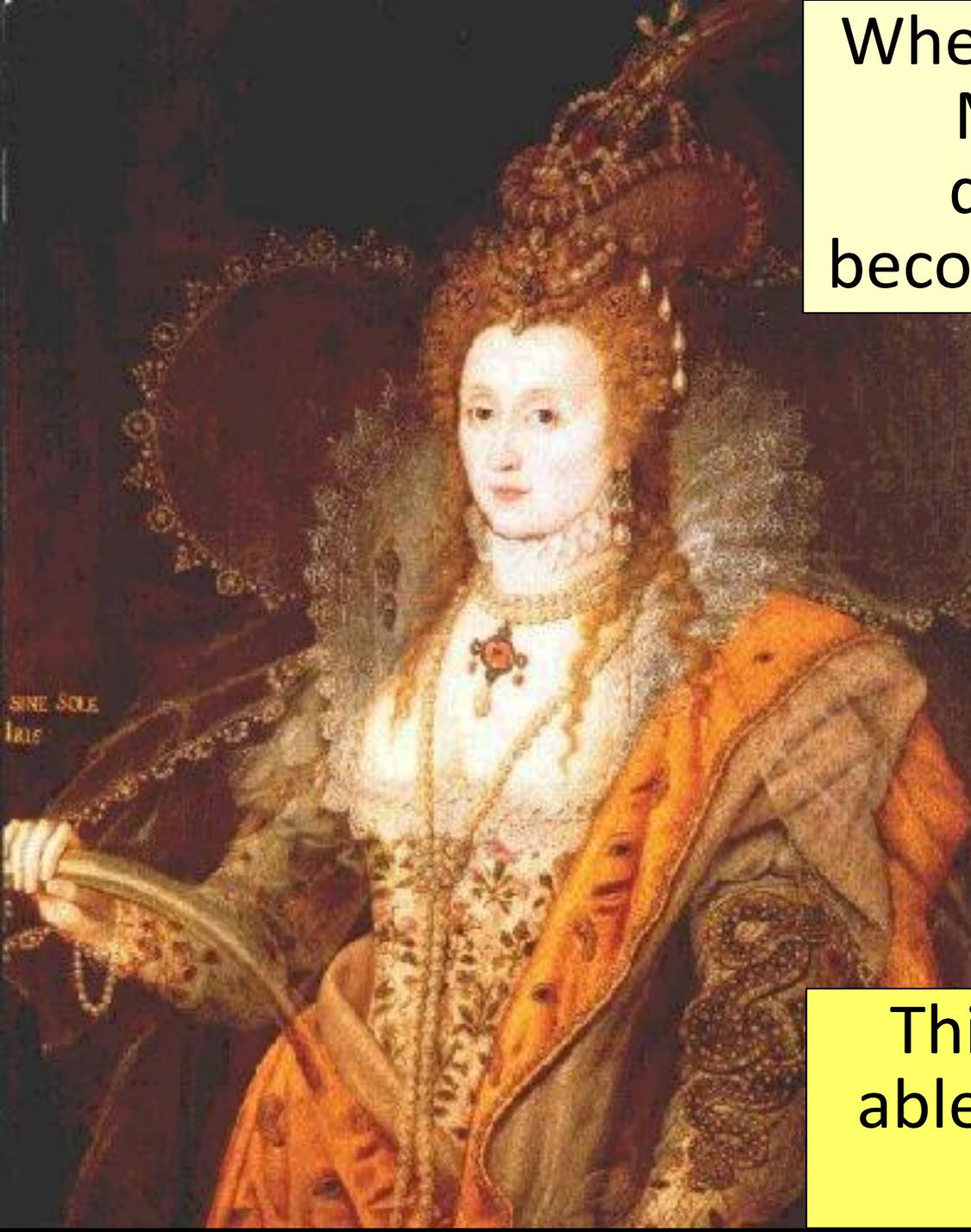
Mary’s actions  
would create  
*bitterness* between  
Protestants and  
Catholics in England  
for a long time



When her older half-sister Mary dies, Henry's daughter **Elizabeth** becomes queen of England

Elizabeth was a **wise ruler**: she brought the Protestant faith back to England (the new **Anglican Church**), but kept practices that made both Catholics and Protestants happy

This way, Elizabeth was able to **preserve peace** in her country



# ELIZABETH



Elizabeth may have settled religious conflicts within her country, but she would have other ***problems*** because of ***religion***

Being the only ***Protestant monarch*** (and a female, too) in Europe, Elizabeth became the ***target*** of Europe's Catholic kings



Spain's Catholic king, Phillip II, wanted to ***overthrow Elizabeth*** and put a Catholic king on England's throne

Spain and England went to ***war*** in the late 1500s, which resulted in a terrible ***defeat for Spain*** and their Armada

Henry's break from the Church had far-reaching ***effects*** on history

His younger daughter, Elizabeth, would go on to be one of the ***greatest English rulers*** of all time

Her defeat of Spain would lead to England becoming a major ***world power***

England would eventually spread their power to the ***New World***, which would lead to the founding of ***America***





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