Mary, Queen of Scots

1559

10 July: Mary becomes Queen of France on the accession of her husband Francis II

1561

15 August: Mary returns to rule Scotland after the early death of Francis

1565

29 July: Mary marries Lord Darnley

1566

9 March: Mary's secretary, David Rizzio, is murdered

19 June: Mary and Darnley's son, James, is born (later James I of England)

1567

10 February: Darnley is murdered

15 May: Mary marries the prime suspect, James Hepburn, Earl of Bothwell

1568

16 May: Mary flees to England seeking protection

1586

15 October: Mary put on trial for plotting against Elizabeth

1587

8 February: Mary is executed