

These sources say different things about Queen Mary I

SOURCE A

Mary was the daughter of Catherine of Aragon. Like her mother she was a devout Catholic. She wanted to change back all the things her brother made to the church. Catholics in Rome were very unhappy with how the protestant religion had spread in England and Wales. Mary just wanted to put that right. She married her Catholic cousin, Phillip of Spain, but he was unpopular with the English and Welsh people. She hoped to produce a Catholic heir but died childless of stomach cancer after her husband deserted her. Many people felt sorry for her, as she only wanted things to go back to how they used to be. She really was a loyal Catholic. She wanted her country to be Catholic.

**Sister Scissors, a Catholic nun, making a speech to other nuns in Aragon, Spain. The speech was made in 2008 to mark the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bloody Mary's death. A full Catholic mass was made afterwards.**

SOURCE B

About 800 Protestants fled from England and Wales to countries like Germany because they were afraid of Mary. They thought she would kill them. Those who stayed behind were forced to publicly change their religion. If they didn't they would be burned in public. Mary ordered 284 people to be burnt alive in 5 years; most of these were ordinary people including William Nichol from Haverfordwest. Mary was unpopular and so was Catholicism. Even some Catholics were horrified by the way she treated protestants. She was forcing people to do things she didn't want to do. People were glad she died. Many thought she really deserved her nickname.

**David Bishop, an expert on Protestant religion. He wrote this in a history book called "Protestants Through Time". It was published in 2008 to celebrate 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of protestant Elizabeth becoming Queen of England and Wales.**

Why do sources A and B say different things about Mary?

You need to write about the following things

- What the sources say
- Who wrote the sources
- When they were written
- Why they were written
- Whether you trust one more than the other and why
  - Aim to write around 1 side in your book