

Who was Mary Queen of Scots?

What did Mary look like?

In all the paintings of Mary she looks very different! What did she really look like?

What we know:

Height: 5 feet 11 inches

Hair: Red

Skin: Pale/Very White

Weight: Slim when young

Hands: Very white with elegant fingers

What did Mary like?

Exercise: Playing golf and riding horses

Clothes: White and decorated with pearl

Hobbies: Playing the lute and harp, chess, cards, embroidery, dressing up and putting on plays with puppets!

Husbands: She had 3 of them!

Mary was a Queen

Royalty usually have a coat of arms, or symbol, that represents their family or their role. Mary's Memorial Portrait includes the Scottish Coat of Arms.



What Scottish things do you see in the coat of arms? What other things would you have—bagpipes, IrnBru, haggis? Draw your version below.

What else do we know about Mary Queen of Scots?

We can learn more about Mary by looking at other objects around the Museum. Can you find:

- A drawing of her as a young girl? Can you describe her?

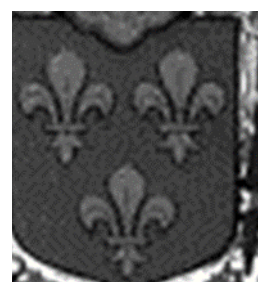
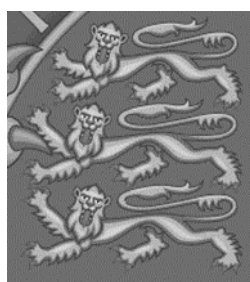
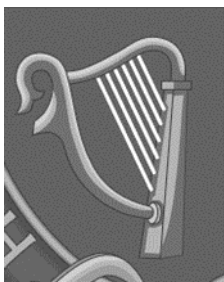
- A coin showing Mary's Father, King James V of Scotland? Does he look like Mary?

- A coin showing Mary and her first husband, the Dauphin of France? What does he look like?

- An embroidery made by Mary? What is it?

- A piece of cloth from her execution. Why is it important?

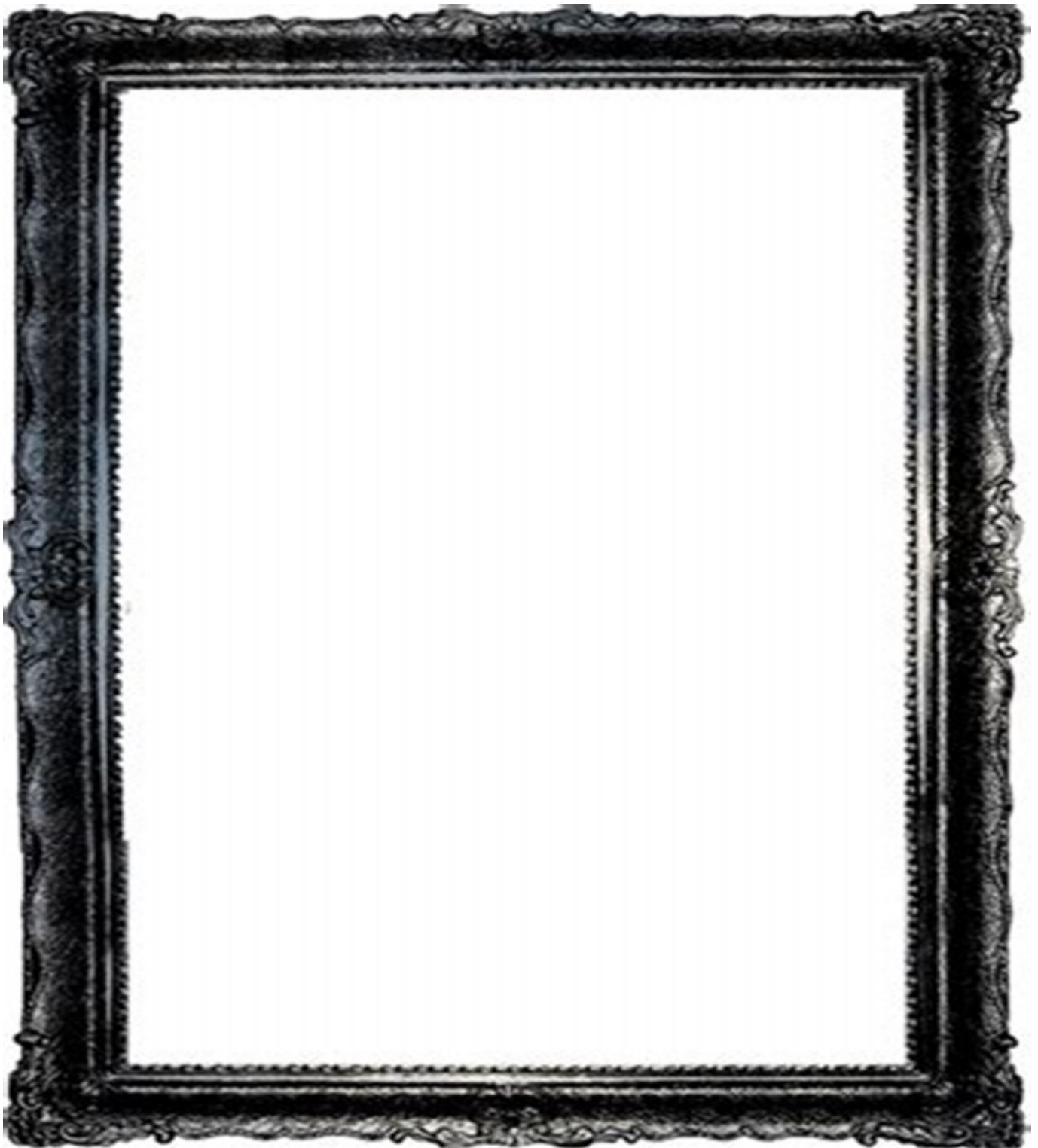
- A painting of Mary with the coats of arms of other countries. Can you guess which countries these symbols represent?



Let's learn more about...

Mary Queen of Scots

Now you have learned more about Mary Queen of Scots, your challenge is to create your own portrait of her. What do you want to include? - her golf clubs, her husband (which one?), her coat of arms, her handkerchief, her horse, her rosary, or her Bible? What colour will she wear? Red, black or white?



Your Turn!

Just like the painting of Mary Queen of Scots, you are going to tell your own story through your own portrait! What you choose to put in it will tell people alive 500 years from now what was important to you.

- Who will be in the painting with you? Will it be your family, a friend, or a pet? Or will you chose to not have anyone but you?
- What favourite things will you include? Mary has her rosary, Bible, and crucifix. Will you choose your football boots? What things will say the most about you?
- What are you going to be doing in your painting? The painting of Mary shows something very sad but you could show yourself doing something you enjoy.
- What are you going to be wearing in your painting? Mary has a fancy black and white dress. Will you wear your pajamas?

