

The Prosecution

She killed 300 innocent people just because they didn't follow her religion.

She didn't change her religion when her brother Edward was king, so why should anyone else change for her?

She angered many people in England, because she married a Spanish man, Philip of Spain.

The Spanish were also burning Protestants in Spain.

She burnt women and children too.

She was not willing to be accepting of anyone else's ideas or religions.

She was angry and evil because of all the nasty things she did.

God punished her by giving her cancer because she was so evil.

Beheaded people.

Burnt pregnant women, so the babies could not be born protestant.

She was bitter.

She refused to bow to Edward's demands.

The Defence

She almost signed her sister Elizabeth's death warrant, but she couldn't do it, as deep down she loved her sister.

She gave people chances to change their religion, they refused.

She was paranoid and thought everyone was trying to kill her from a very early age right up until she died.

Her dad abandoned her and left her to grow up alone with no family.

Her sister Elizabeth was much better looked after.

Anne Boleyn, Henry's second wife forced Mary away from the royal household because her daughter Elizabeth should be more important.

She just wanted the love of her father, and without it she became very sad and angry.

She was the rightful heir to the throne when Henry died but she was cast aside for Edward. This upset and angered her too.

She watched her father destroy the Catholic churches that she worshipped in and was deeply upset, this is why she was so aggressive in forcing people to be Catholic.

When she burnt these people, she thought she was doing a good thing because their souls would be cleaned and be able to go to heaven.

She grew up without her sister and was angry at how Henry divorced her mum, Catherine of Aragon.

Mary was sick most of her life, and even believed she was pregnant. She had all the symptoms but actually wasn't pregnant.

She died lonely, when her husband Philip of Spain stopped visiting her and he hated her too.

Everyone she loved turned their back on her.

When she died of cancer, she was scared and alone, with nobody to support her.