

# Does Mary I deserve this title?

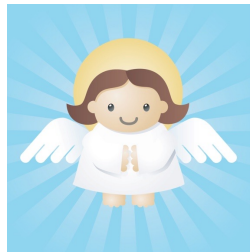
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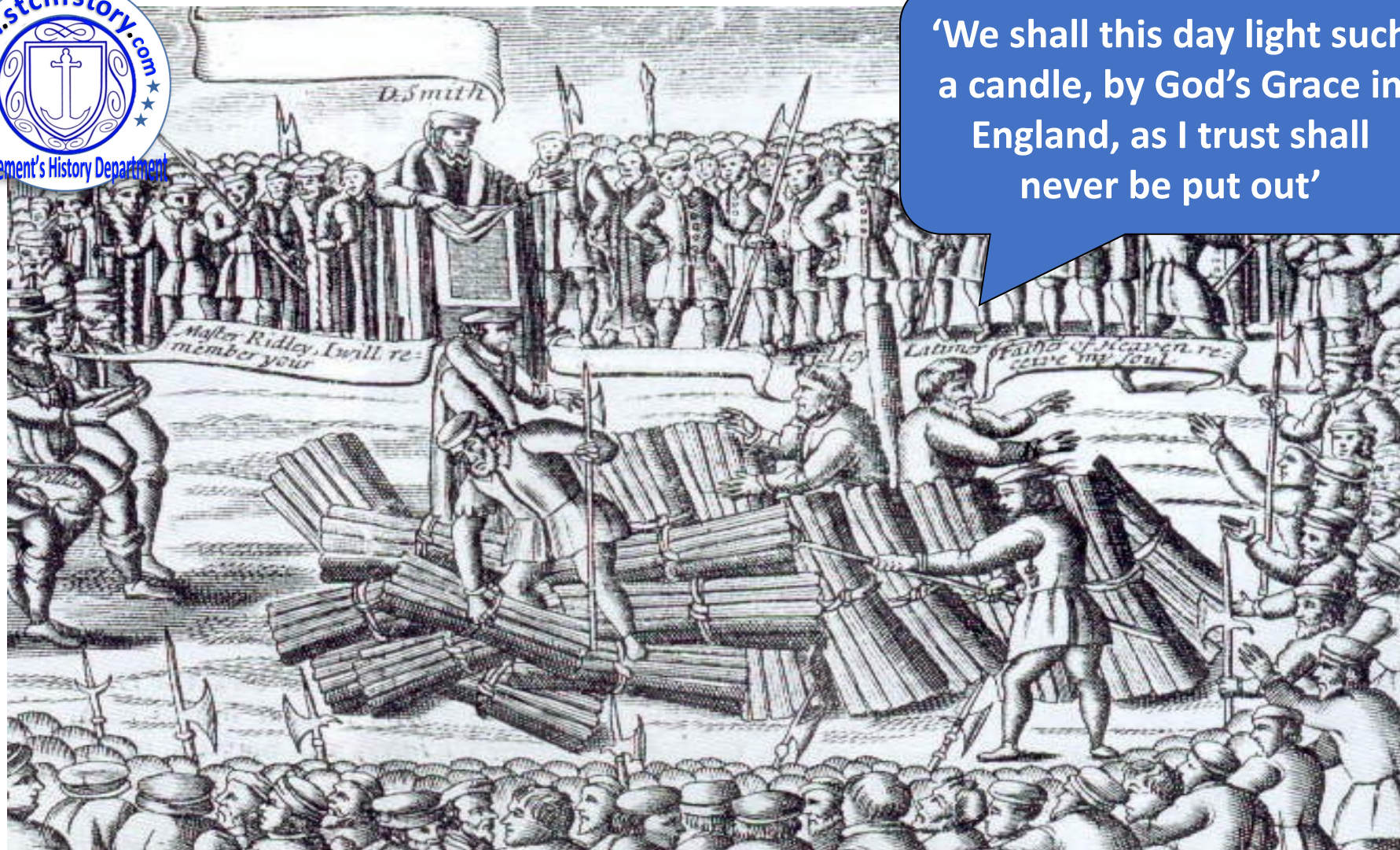
**bloody**  
**MARY**



This image shows 3 protestants being burnt on the orders of Mary I, in total she burnt 284!







'We shall this day light such a candle, by God's Grace in England, as I trust shall never be put out'

An interesting note about this picture is that they if you could afford it the executioner would put gunpowder behind the heads of the condemned. Hence the firework 'Roman Candle'





A lamentable spectacle of three women, with a sillie infant bursting out of the mothers wombe, being first out of the fire, and cast in againe, and so all burned together. July 18th 1556





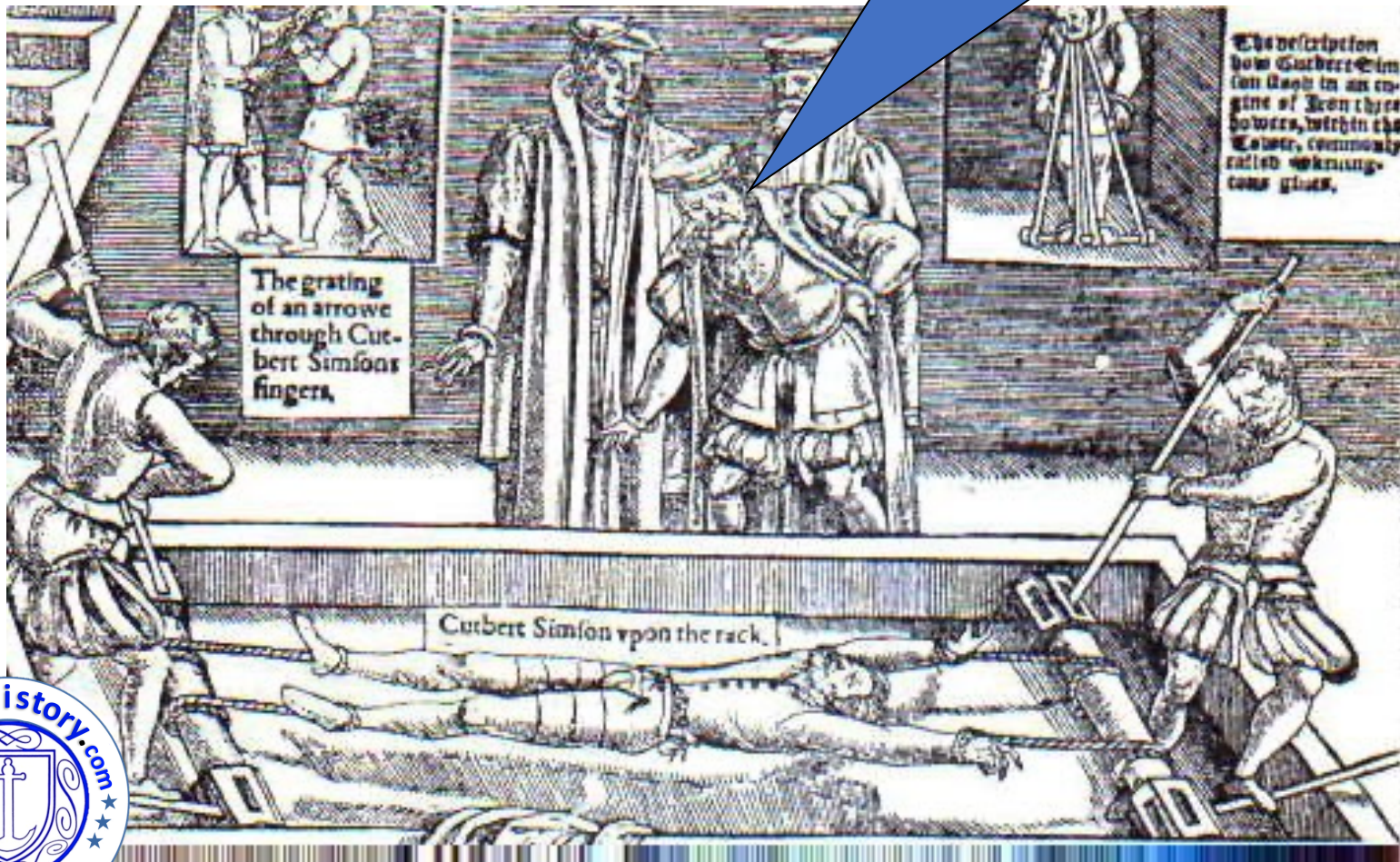






# Cuthbert Simmons

All you have to do is become a Catholic for the pain to stop.

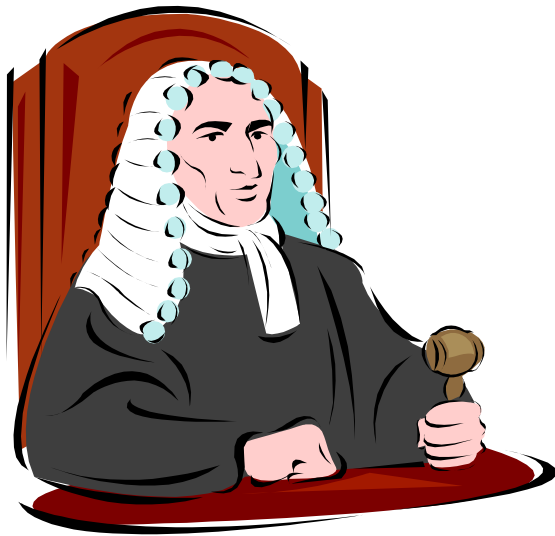


Read these sources about Mary carefully and decide if they show her as deserving the title 'Bloody Mary' or not...

Source	Bloody or not?
<p>Her majesty's face shows qualities of mercy, generosity and kindness which are all part of her conduct, for though she has many enemies and though by law so many have been put to death, yet had the executions depended on Her Majesty's will, not one of them would have been killed; but she put the matters into the hands of her advisers . . . '</p> <p><b>The Venetian ambassador, 18 August 1554</b></p>	
<p>'Both Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth burned heretics during their reigns, and Mary was perhaps no more cruel than other members of the Tudor family in punishing people for their religious beliefs'</p> <p><b>S L Case 'Knowing British History: The Tudors', 1975</b></p>	
<p>'When William Allen at Walsingham For truth was tried in fiery flame; When Roger Cooe, that good old man, Did lose his lyfe for Christe's name: When these with other were put to death, We wishte for our Elizabeth.'</p> <p><b>Old East Anglian rhyme.</b></p>	
<p>'The normal punishment for heretics (people who didn't follow the official religion) in those days was to be burned alive at the stake. Mary sentenced nearly 300 people to this horrible death because they refused to give up their Protestant ideas. A great many were ordinary people and their deaths made Mary extremely unpopular.'</p> <p><b>S.L. Case 'The Tudors', 1983.</b></p>	
<p>'Gardiner had pressed for the burnings but it was Mary who obstinately backed the continuing campaign when both he and the Queen's Spanish advisers saw that they were counter-productive and urged her to stop.'</p> <p><b>D. MacCulloch, The Later Reformation in England, 1547-1603, 1990</b></p>	
<p>'Mary was perhaps no more cruel than other members of the Tudor family in persecuting people for their religious beliefs. The great difference was the large number executed by her in this way. The 300 victims Mary sent to the stake were killed in a period of less than 3 years.'</p> <p><b>S.L. Case 'The Tudors', 1983.</b></p>	
<p>'The whole number burned during the reign of Mary amounted to 284. There were burnt 5 bishops, 21 ministers, 8 gentlemen, 84 workers, 100 farmers, servants and labourers, 26 wives, 20 widows, 9 girls, 2 boys and 2 infants.'</p> <p><b>John Foxe 'Book of Martyrs', 1563 (5 years after Mary's death.)</b></p>	







# Did Mary deserve her title?

We are in a Courtroom, look at the evidence and create your case for BOTH sides - to DEFEND Mary and to PROSECUTE.

**You have information in the links next to this lesson's link.**

**First of all, put them in the order you and your team think is the most important, and then decide how you will present your case to the court room and the Jury.**

