

Abstract

The report will focus on Elizabeth Tudor during the reign of her sister, Mary I. The informative presentation will discuss the political and familial conflicts which not only separated the sisters, but the kingdom into religious factions. The presentation will begin with a history of the Tudor Queen's childhood. It will describe the deadly and public battle between their mothers, their tyrannical father, and their religiously fervent tutors. The presentation however will largely be placed in reign of Mary I, beginning in 1553. It will progress to describe her slide into disfavor and Elizabeth and her faction's subsequent responses. It will cover Mary's execution of Lady Jane Grey, her controversial marriage to Philip II, her arrest and exile of Elizabeth I, the Marian Persecutions, and her inability to provide a son. **The purpose of the report is to reveal that the reign of Mary I and the ultimate triumph of Elizabeth and her faction was the turning point of English history, and ultimately Spanish history.** Mary, inadvertently created a new English identity. Mary also forever caused Roman Catholicism in England to be associated with the religious purge, the Marian Persecutions. Elizabeth's efforts to undermine Mary's authority in England altered the country's formerly conservative Catholic views in favor of Elizabeth's radical Protestant views. This led to a permanent change in English politics, culture, religious persuasion, and ultimately to British hegemony in Europe. This decisive altering of English culture would not only change the identity of England, but the map of our world at large.