

Year 8 History

An interpretation of Mary I: Create a film pitch

Task: Imagine you are a film director and want to make a new film about Mary I. You need to sell your idea to a film studio in order to get the money for your film. This is called a 'pitch' and your task is to create a pitch which summarises all your ideas about how Mary should be interpreted.

1. Research Mary I's life.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zrpcwmn/revision/5>
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/tudors/kings/mary1.htm>
https://youtu.be/UcvuZEiZZ_M
2. Before you start, decide what angle you are going to take. Do you think Mary should be depicted as a faithful Catholic monarch or a persecutor of Protestants?
3. Decide which events in Mary's life to include. Do not include everything in her life, but choose events that exemplify your interpretation of her. A list of events can be found here: <https://www.britroyals.com/kings.asp?id=mary1>
4. Begin to put together your pitch. Include:
 - a. A name for your film
 - b. A storyboard of the key scenes. Include captions and images (these can be drawn or taken from the Internet)
 - c. A poster to promote the film (see example of the Cromwell film)
 - d. Some casting suggestions: who will play your main roles?
5. If you want to, you can film your pitch or put it into a PowerPoint presentation.