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The following are more interesting facts about the life and times of Mary, Queen of Scots:

- [Linlithgow Palace](#) was the place where Mary was born on December 7, 1542.
- [Edinburgh Castle](#) was the scene of important events in Mary's life, including the birth of her son, James VI.
- Edinburgh Castle is especially beautiful at night (during the time of "Castle Esplanade" held every August).
- Mary was six-feet tall. One of her dresses is maintained at Stirling Castle.
- Mary's signature ("Marie R") stands for Mary, *Regina* (Latin for queen). Her motto was: "In my end is my beginning."
- She spent most of 1568 in [Carlisle Castle](#), where she was imprisoned.
- During her nineteen years of house arrest, in Britain, Mary made many embroidered works. This is one on display at the Royal Palace of Holyroodhouse, in Edinburgh.
- One way to know someone is to read her own words. This link takes you to some of [Mary's](#) writings.
- As he grew older, [Henry VIII](#) grew heavier. The link depicts his appearance in 1544, three years before his death in 1547.
- Before she left her birth country for good, Mary spent time in some of the more famous buildings which played a role in historic Scotland. The link depicts a few of those places.

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Mary, Queen of Scots - Her Dress

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Henry VIII in His Later Years

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