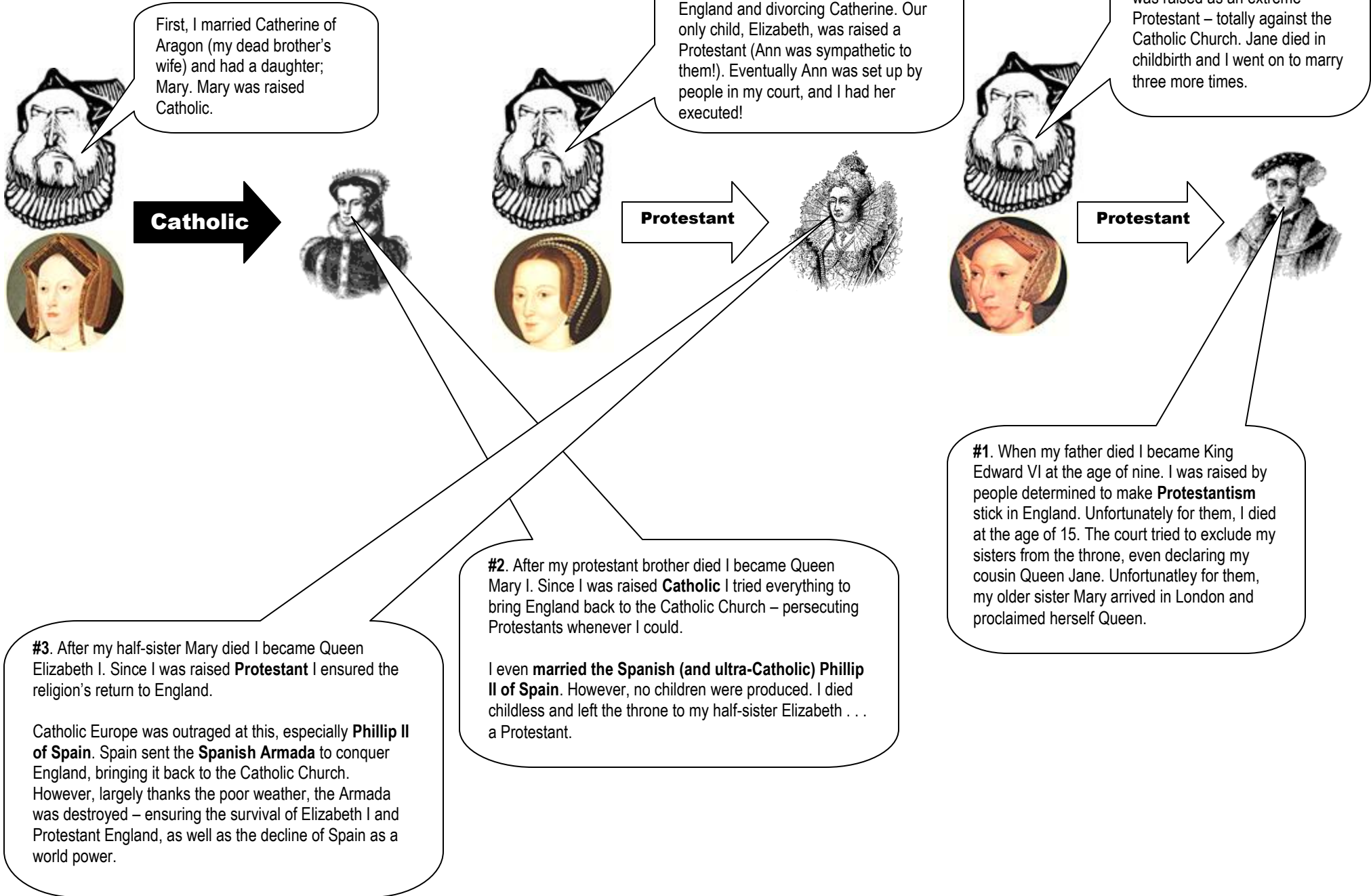


King Henry VIII and the English Reformation



First, I married Catherine of Aragon (my dead brother's wife) and had a daughter; Mary. Mary was raised Catholic.

I tired of Catherine because she could not give me a son, so I married Ann Boleyn after creating the Church of England and divorcing Catherine. Our only child, Elizabeth, was raised a Protestant (Ann was sympathetic to them!). Eventually Ann was set up by people in my court, and I had her executed!

With Ann dead I turned my attentions to Jane Seymour who eventually bore me the son I always wanted! Prince Edward was raised as an extreme Protestant – totally against the Catholic Church. Jane died in childbirth and I went on to marry three more times.

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Catholic Europe was outraged at this, especially **Phillip II of Spain**. Spain sent the **Spanish Armada** to conquer England, bringing it back to the Catholic Church. However, largely thanks the poor weather, the Armada was destroyed – ensuring the survival of Elizabeth I and Protestant England, as well as the decline of Spain as a world power.

#2. After my protestant brother died I became Queen Mary I. Since I was raised **Catholic** I tried everything to bring England back to the Catholic Church – persecuting Protestants whenever I could.

I even **married the Spanish (and ultra-Catholic) Phillip II of Spain**. However, no children were produced. I died childless and left the throne to my half-sister Elizabeth . . . a Protestant.

#1. When my father died I became King Edward VI at the age of nine. I was raised by people determined to make **Protestantism** stick in England. Unfortunately for them, I died at the age of 15. The court tried to exclude my sisters from the throne, even declaring my cousin Queen Jane. Unfortunatley for them, my older sister Mary arrived in London and proclaimed herself Queen.