

WHO'S WHO IN EUROPE - 1575

FRANCE

Francois II - m. Mary Queen of Scots; r. 1559-60

Charles IX - poor health & mental instability; kingdom run by Catherine de Medicis - r.1560-74

- m. Elizabeth of Austria, dau. of Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian II

> Henri III - r. 1574-89 -

- Catherine's favorite son - helped her plan the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre 1572
- does not have a firm grip on the government
- m. Louise de Vaudemont, a Guise
- bisexual, transvestite; kept a group of favorites - the mignons

Henri de Lorraine, 3rd Duc de Guise

- handsome, courageous, popular
- politically allied with Spain
- one of the instigators of the Bartholomew massacre, though took no active part other than to supervise the murder of Admiral Coligny, whom he blamed for the death of his father (unproven)
- later rebels against Henri III successfully, and is murdered by him (soon after the Armada)

Henri de Bourbon, King of Navarre - Henri IV r.1589-1610

- Protestant leader
- next heir to the French throne after death of François duc d'Anjou
- m, Marguerite de Valois, dau. of Henri II, on the eve of St. Bartholomew, 1572

Catherine de Medicis

- Italian - daughter of Lorenzo de' Medici, Duke of Urbino
- governed mainly by self-interest; quite indifferent to religious differences
- totally unscrupulous - murder of Coligny & St. Bartholomew massacre both due to her fears over influence Coligny was gaining over her son Charles IX

SPAIN

> Philip II - r.1558-98

- son of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V
- "the cautious king"
- motivated principally by religion

NETHERLANDS

Spanish Governors:

Fernando Alvarez de Toledo, Duke of Alva

- sent to Netherlands in 1567 with an army to crush anti-Spanish uprisings - institutes a reign of terror - recalled in '73

> Don Luis de Requesens

- considerable Dutch gains under him, and some Spanish advancement too - d. 1576

Don Juan of Austria - governor-general 1576-78

- famous for victory at Lepanto against the Turks
- only accepted position as governor-general on condition that he be allowed to invade England and marry Mary Queen of Scots - no support on this plan from Philip
- personally charming, good soldier, but ineffective as regent - out of his depth in politics

Alessandro Farnese, Duke of Parma - son of Margaret of Austria

- sent to Netherlands in 1577
- given Regency at death of Don Juan of Austria in 1578
- excellent soldier - between '79 and '86 reconquers whole of southern Netherlands

Dutch leader:

William of Orange (the Silent) -

- Prince of the province of Orange; from 1577 spearheads the efforts to expel Spanish troops
- assassinated 1584

SCOTLAND

Mary Queen of Scots - b.1542

- forced to abdicate in 1567; fled to England and imprisoned there until executed in 1587

James VI - son of Mary Queen of Scots and Lord Darnley

- b. 1566, crowned 1567 after Mary Queen of Scots' forced abdication; Protestant
- recent Regents:

Earl of Moray - assassinated 1570

Earl of Lennox - died 1571

Earl of Mar - died 1572

- > Earl of Morton - resigns 1578 - James takes over

POLAND

Sigismund II Augustus - dies without heirs in 1572

After his death, the country starts electing kings; first elective king is

Henri de Valois (later Henri III of France - see above) - r.1573-74

- flees the country when he receives news of his accession to French throne

- > interregnum declared until election of:

Stephen Báthory - r.1576-86

- a Transylvanian prince

Sigismund III - son of John III of Sweden - r.1587-1632

- involved the country in wars to maintain his claim to the Swedish throne

PAPACY

Pius IV - 1565-72

- 1570 published bull *Regnans in excelsis*, excommunicating Elizabeth

- > Gregory XIII - 1572-85

- energetically promoted the Counter-Reformation by executing the decrees of the Council of Trent

- reformed the calendar 1582

Sixtus V - 1585-90

- egged Philip of Spain on in his plans for the Armada

HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

- > Maximilian II - 1564-76

Rudolf II -1576-1612 - a recluse who eventually goes mad

PORTUGAL

- > Sebastian - r.1557-78

Henry - r.1578-80

thereafter, under Spanish rule; Don Antonio, pretender to Portuguese throne, leading a hand-to-mouth existence subsidized by various courts while trying to raise support to re-take his throne

SWEDEN

- > John III - r.1568-92

DENMARK & NORWAY

- > Frederick II - r.1559-88

OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Selim II - r.1566-74 - son of Suleiman the Magnificent

- > Murad III - r.1574-95

m. = married

r. = reigned

> = designates ruler in 1575