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HISTORY CORNER: MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS

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Mary, Queen of Scots, or Mary Stuart is one of the most well-known and one of the most romanticized historical figures. She and her story have inspired art, literature, film, and music for four centuries.

She was born in 1542 to King James V of Scotland and his wife, the Queen Consort, Marie de Guise, just a week before her father's death. She married the Dauphin of France, Francis de Valois-Angouleme in 1558, eventually becoming the Queen Consort of France in 1559 until her husband died in 1560, at which point she returned to Scotland for the first time since she was a small child. She later fell in love with and married Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley, which was not a successful marriage but did result in her son, James. Darnley became a drunkard and left her to rule Scotland entirely on her own. He became jealous of her secretary, David Riccio, and murdered him in front of her. He later died under mysterious circumstances and her next husband, James Hepburn, the Earl of Bothwell, was accused of murdering him but was never found guilty.

Many did not approve of Mary's union with Bothwell and she was imprisoned in Leven Castle.

Throughout most of her life, she was under constant threat due to conflict between England and Scotland. One reason for this was because of the conflict between Protestants and Catholics; however, Mary accepted that she ruled over a primarily Protestant population.

Another reason was that many believed that Mary, a Catholic Queen, had a better claim to the English throne than the Protestant Queen Elizabeth I, and many Catholics in England would have preferred her rule. Once she escaped Leven Castle, she tried to take back her throne but was defeated and fled to England where she was imprisoned for 19 years.

There were many plots to put Mary Stuart on the throne of England and there is much historical speculation on whether she had any part in these plots. However, one of these plots was why she was executed in England. Her son would later become King James I of England and VI of Scotland, succeeding his mother and Elizabeth I and uniting the two countries.



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VT CEED

Academic Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
5 - 7 pm Studio 2

Studio 1 Hours:

Monday to Thursday 5 - 10 pm
Saturday and Sunday 1 - 6 pm

Don't know what to make? Check out the Idea Book! →



CLUB HIGHLIGHT: ASL CLUB

Author: Jared Duffy



Are you interested in picking up a new language or making some new friends? Then consider the American Sign Language Club! The club is open to experienced members and those new to sign language!

Official club meetings are every Wednesday from 7-8 pm, and there are often weekend meetings for those who want extra practice. Wednesday meetings often operate around a theme; typically, the meetings involve learning a group of words around the theme, doing a quick review, playing a group game utilizing the new signs, and socializing near the end of the meeting.

The first official meeting in October will be on the 5th in the Brush Mountain Room B on the third floor of Squires.

Additionally, the club hosts a monthly "silent social" for members to get together and practice what they've learned at their own pace. Members wear stickers to indicate their degree of comfort with the language to make the event a more relaxed experience. So, you can wear a sticker to show you don't want to communicate verbally.

One thing I've noticed during my time in the club is the patience and friendliness of the members! A couple of times, I had forgotten a word or phrase, and various members happily came to my rescue. The best part was that they made me feel good about my decision to ask! So mark October 5th on your calendar, and we hope to see you there!

DESTRESS SPOTS

Author: Jiyeon Park



Do you need some recommendations in order to reduce stress after your first exams? There are many places to go with your friends and have a good time with them.

When you don't have a car:

Drillfield: As the weather is getting nicer and cooler, you and your friends can go to the drillfield with blankets and picnic food. Take pictures and turn on any type of music that you enjoy.

Duck pond: The duck pond is located next to the Solitude House, which is close to Davidson Hall and Hahn Hall South. It has picnic tables, park benches, and a gazebo.

Hahn Horticulture Garden: The Hahn Horticulture Garden is open from dawn to dusk, with no fees. It is pretty close to McComas Hall, so it is easy to walk from the residential side of campus.

Farmer's Market: The Farmers Market is located downtown east side of campus, near Benny Marzano's and 7-eleven. It is open on Wednesdays from 2 PM - 6 PM and Saturdays from 8 AM - 2 PM.

If you have a car or a friend who can drive:

Sinkland Farms: Sinkland Farms is located in Christiansburg, VA. It is a little far from campus and has entrance fees, but it is a great place for you to hangout with your friends. There is a Sunflower Festival, a Pumpkin Festival, and more. You can take a lot of cute pictures with your friends. Check their website for more information if you want to go!

Mill Mountain Star: Mill Mountain Star is known as 'The Roanoke Star,' located at the top of Mill Mountain in Roanoke. I recommend driving (about 15 minutes) unless you want to hike in the dark. The star is illuminated every night until midnight and you can see a beautiful night view.