

The Age of Religious Wars

Part One: France

The French Wars 1562-1598

- The persecution of Huguenots
- John Calvin exiled
- French monarchs held Huguenots punishable by the Inquisition.



Charles V's son has a mishap which would cause chaos in France.

- **Henry II was jousting when he gets lanced through his visor, killing him.**
- **The sickly Francis II takes the throne only to die one year later.**



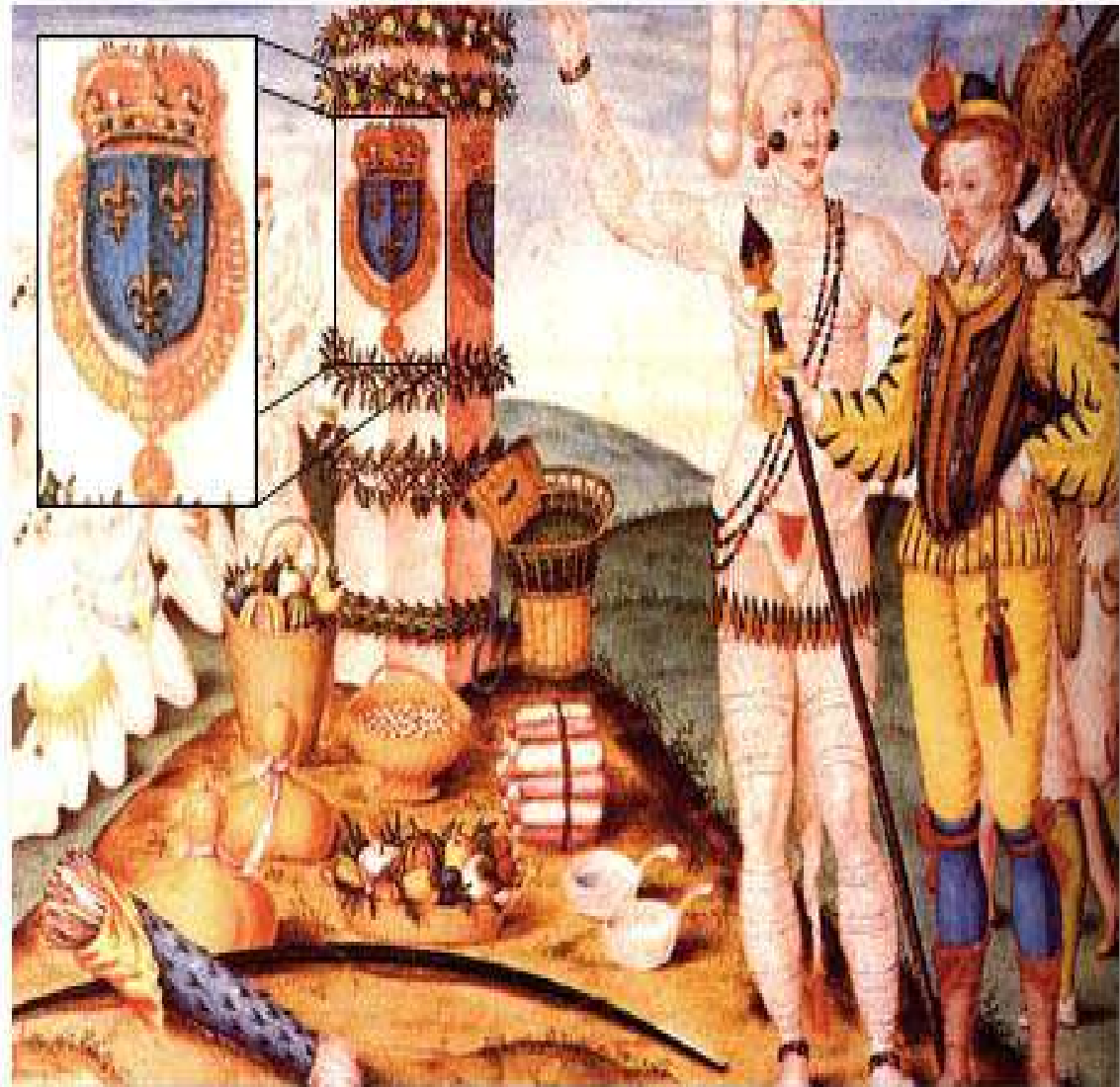
Three families contend for the French crown.

- The Guises
- The Bourbons
- Montmorency- Chatillon



People join Calvinist churches to protest the Guise-led monarchy

- 2/5 of France's aristocracy were Huguenots.
- Wanted something similar to the Peace of Augsburg.



Catherine de Medicis

- Sought Protestant Allies.
- January Edict- Protestants could worship freely outside towns.
- Then all of the sudden...



Geez Guise

- Duke of Guise surprised Protestant congregation and massacred them, sparking the religious war.



The Hesitation

- Conde and Coligny- Bourbon did not act
- Catherine and son gave in to the demands of the mighty Guises.
- Hey Ladies!



Payback

- The Duke of Guise is assassinated in the 1st French religious war. 1562-63



1568-1570

- **Conde killed, Coligny- a brilliant strategist leads the Huguenots.**
- **Granted the right to worship in their territories and fortify their cities.**



Playing both sides

- Catherine wanted a Catholic France and began siding w/ the Guises.



A Scary Day...

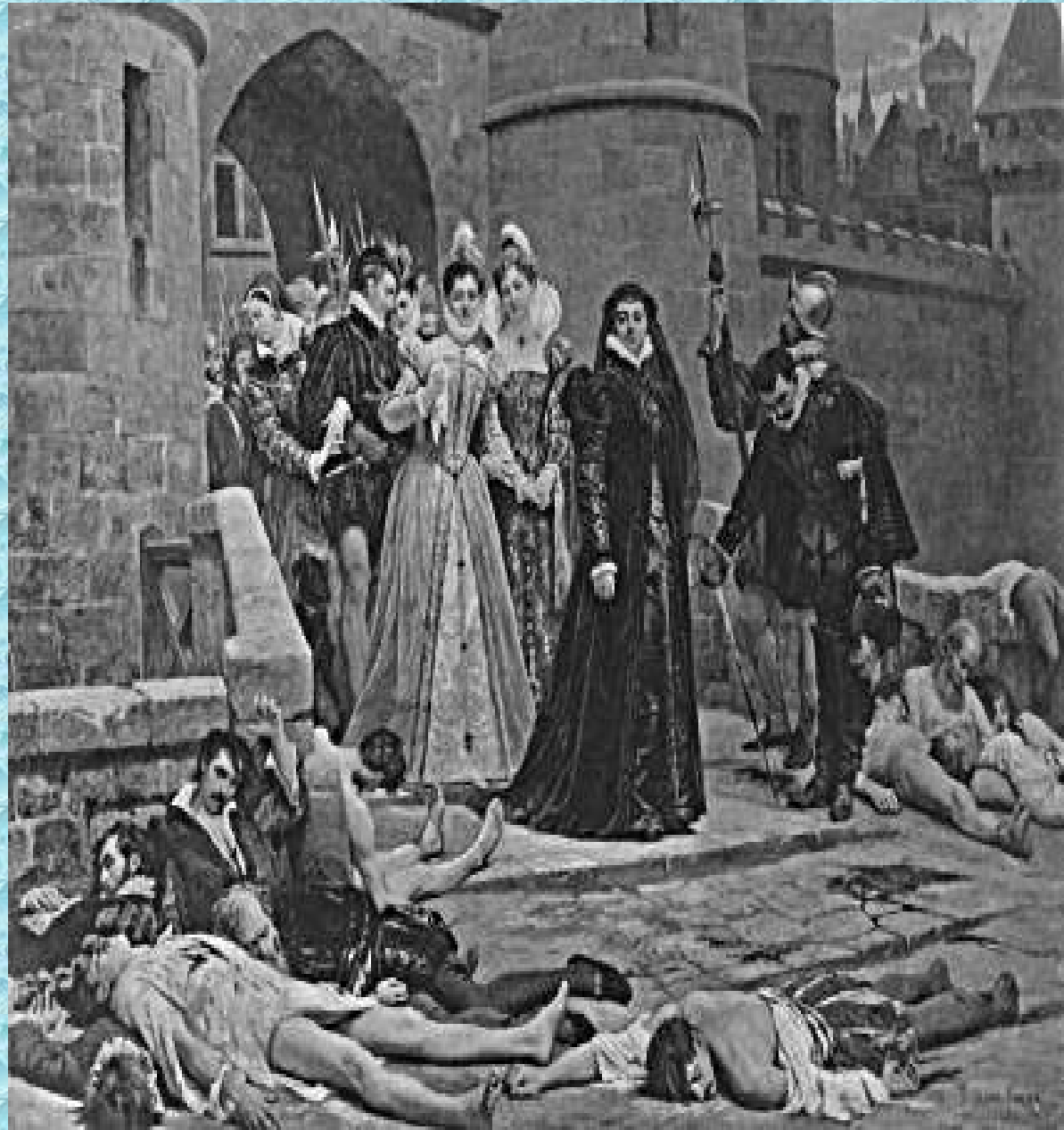
- **August 22, 1572, Coligny was shot/killed.**
- **Catherine was involved in the plot with the Guises.**
- **In a panic, she sent word to Charles IX that a Huguenot coup was after them.**



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St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre

- **August 24, 1572. 3000 Huguenots were butchered in Paris. 17000 more in the following days.**



Wars to come...

- Protestants throughout Europe saw the massacre as a threat to their ways of life.
- Force can be used if necessary to stop tyranny



Henry III felt the pinch between the Catholic League and Huguenots

- **The Peace of Beaulieu granted Huguenots religious freedom.**
- **One year later the Catholic League's pressure on Henry makes him take it back.**



What happened next?

- **Henry III attempted to destroy the League who now had Spain as an ally. He lost.**
- **He had more Guises assassinated.**
- **He was then forced to go to Henry of Navarre, a Huguenot leader, for help.**



Henry III killed, it may surprise you!

- Henry III was struck down by an enraged Dominican friar!

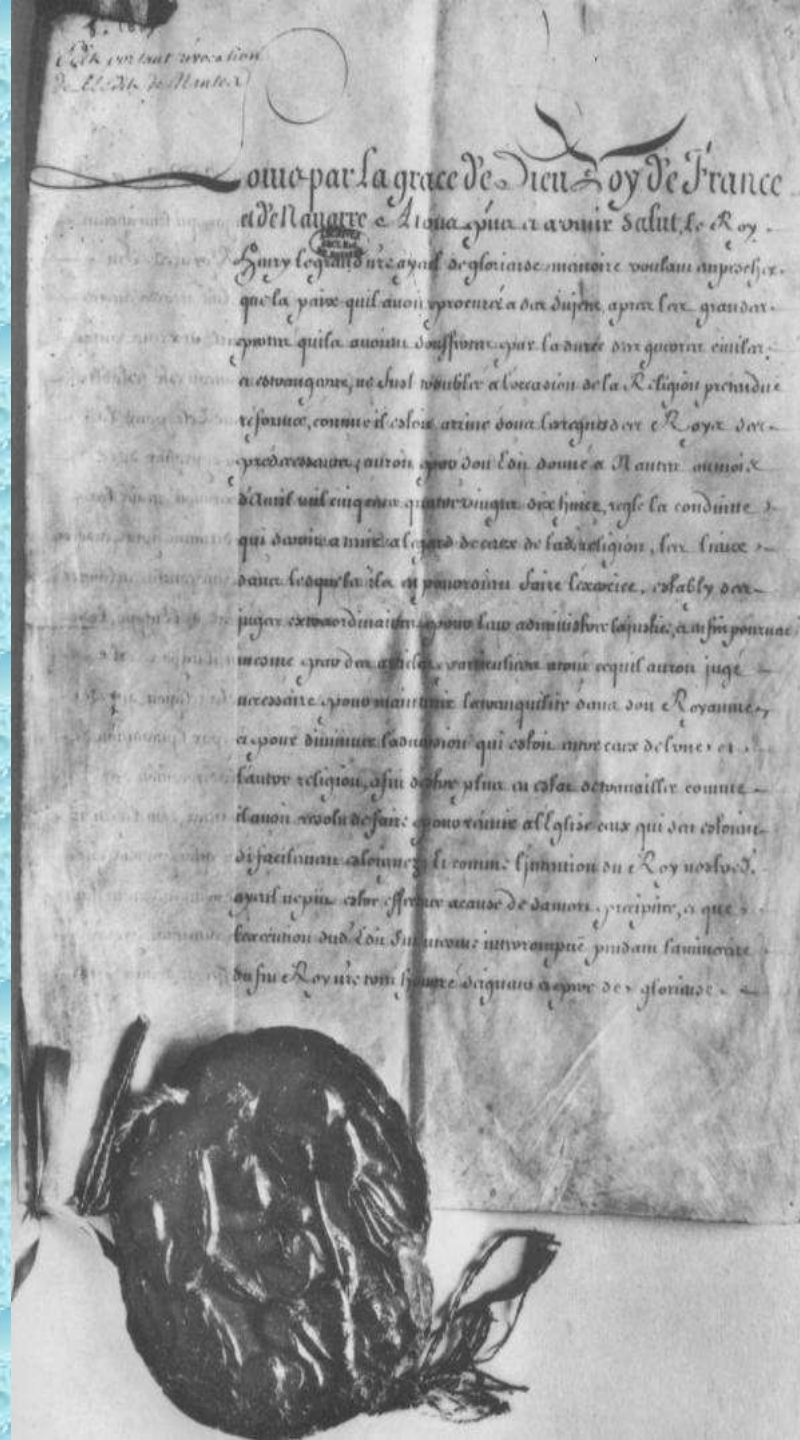


Henry IV ascends to the throne.

- **Spain won't stand for a Protestant ruler.**
- **Henry's support grew, he converted to Catholicism to save France and makes Protestantism tolerable.**
- **By 1596, the Catholic League was dispersed and gone.**
- **No more religious wars in France 😊**

Edict of Nantes

- Huguenots get: the right to public worship, assembly, admission to public office/ universities, and fortified towns.



Guess what happened next!

- Henry IV was assassinated by a Catholic fanatic ☹



Read 397- 402 on Spain

- Sinbad wants you to describe how religious wars came to Spain and the Netherlands, listing important events, people, etc. He knows all!!!



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