Mary, Queen of Scots

*Your task is to produce a front page newspaper article on the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots, dated Thursday 9th February 1587, the day after. You need to plan it in rough – using this sheet to help you.*

*You need to set it out like a newspaper, with a headline, a picture and two columns for the writing.*

HEADLINE

*Use these questions to help you write your article. Write a paragraph for each of the four main questions, using the little questions to help you.*

1. *What happened on Wednesday 8th February?*

* *Where and when was she executed?*
* *How old was she? Why was she executed?*
* *Any other gory details about the execution?*

1. *Which events led to the Trial of Mary?*

* *Why?*
* *What sort of threat did Mary pose? Why?*

1. *What happened at Mary’s trial?*

* *Who tried her?*
* *What was she accused of?*
* *How did they find out she was involved in any plots?*
* *Verdict – innocent or guilty?*

1. *What might happen to England now that Mary has been executed?*

* *Mary’s religion? Mary’s claim to the throne?*
* *Invasion threats from whom? Why?*