



A German Classic: Schiller's *Maria Stuart* Essay Prize for Sixth-Formers Further Resources

For some resources listed below, we are not aware of current links to official recordings but you may wish to search for what is available online.

Maria Stuart and Mary, Queen of Scots

A BBC documentary explores the entangled lives of Elizabeth and Mary, using their correspondence to help reconstruct their relationship: *Bloody Queens: Elizabeth and Mary* (BBC Two, 2016)

Maria Stuart on screen and radio

A slightly shorted version of the play, performed in German, was produced by the television network ZDF in 1985.

The 2007 Thalia Theater in Hamburg put on a production was performed in modern dress. The German is spoken fairly quickly, so don't worry if you can't untangle it. This is a good example of the drama performed in a modern setting.

A radio adaptation of the play by David Farrower, adapted for radio by Robin Brooks, was produced for the BBC Radio 3 'Drama on 3' strand in 2012.

Maria Stuart on stage

Here is a selection of reviews of recent productions of Schiller's play.

New York, 2009

<https://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/20/theater/reviews/20mary.html?pagewanted=all> Stratford,

Ontario (Canada), 2013 [https://www.theglobeandmail.com/arts/theatre-and-performance/theatre-reviews/stratfords-mary-](https://www.theglobeandmail.com/arts/theatre-and-performance/theatre-reviews/stratfords-mary-stuart-both-thought-provoking-and-edge-of-your-seat-suspenseful/article12314431/)

[stuart-both-thought-provoking-and-edge-of-your-seat-suspenseful/article12314431/](https://www.theglobeandmail.com/arts/theatre-and-performance/theatre-reviews/stratfords-mary-stuart-both-thought-provoking-and-edge-of-your-seat-suspenseful/article12314431/) London,

2016 (see [here](#) for a synopsis of this production)

<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2016/dec/18/mary-stuart-almeida-robert-icke-observer-review-lia->

[williams-juliet-stevenson](#)

London, 2018 (West End transfer of the production from 2016)

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/theatre/what-to-see/lia-williams-juliet-stevensongo-head-to-head-mary-stuart-review/>

Maria Stuart and music

Gaetano Donizetti's opera, *Maria Stuarda* (1835). Here is a clip from a recent production at the New York Metropolitan Opera: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vU-aN_hzjbE

Maria Stuart to go

In case you're in need of some light inspiration, here is a summary of *Maria Stuart*. Don't worry if you can't even begin to keep up with Michael Sommer's German – he speaks extraordinarily fast and uses slang and rather specialised allusions. But you should be able to work out who the Playmobil figures are: Michael Sommer: ***Maria Stuart to go*** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdaurgaypnE>)

Schiller and Mary, Queen of Scots on the BBC

Listen to Melvyn Bragg discuss Mary, Queen Scots:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b088fs7z> (2017)

Here's a discussion of Schiller's *Mary Stuart* on BBC 3's Free Thinking programme:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0833yps> (2016)