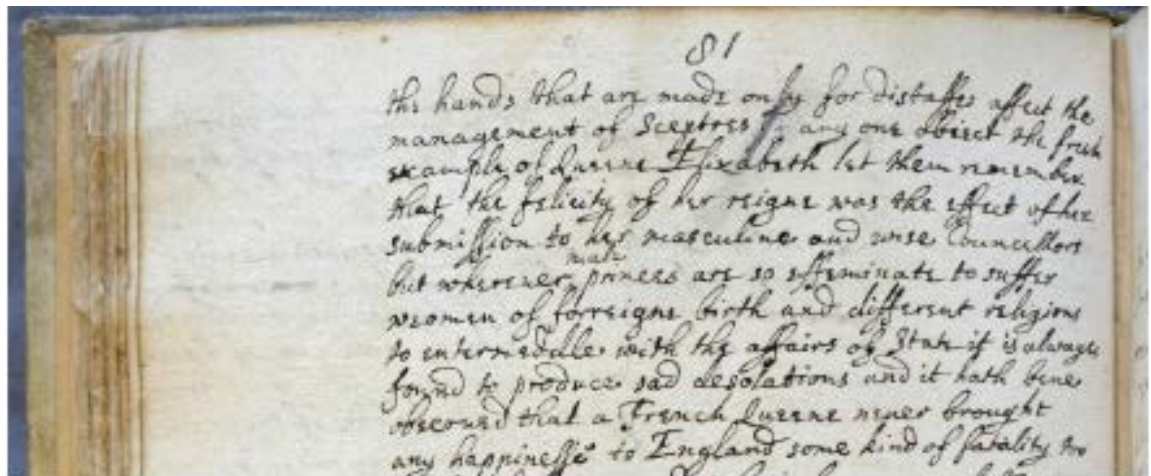
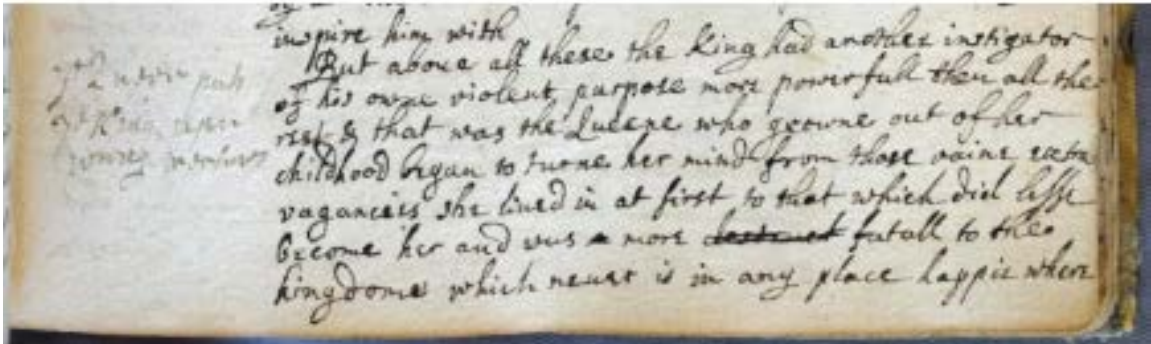


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Source-Based Activities

Activity 3: Lucy Hutchinson



Source 5: Photographs of pages from Lucy Hutchinson's memoirs, c. 1670, Inspire Nottinghamshire Archives DD/HU/4

Background information:

Lucy Hutchinson was married to John Hutchinson, a large landowner in Nottingham who was an officer in the Parliamentary army during the Civil War. This extract about Queen Henrietta Maria is taken from her memoirs (her written memories), written around 1670.

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The extract from Lucy memoirs (source 5) reads:

L1: *But above all these the king had another instigator*

L2: *of his owne violent purpose more powerful then all the*

L3: *rest & that was the Queene who growne out of her*

L4: *childhood began to turne her mind from those vaine extra*

L5: *vagaries she lived in at first to that which did lesse*

L6: *become her and was more ~~destruct~~ fatal to the*

L7: *kingdome which never is in any place happier where*

L8: *the hands that are made only for distaffes [a tool used in spinning] affect the*

L9: *management of Sceptres if any one object the fresh*

L10: *example of Queene Elizabeth 1st then remember*

L11: *the felicity of her reigne was the effect of her*

L12: *submission to her masculine and wise Councillors*

L13: *but wherever male princes are so effeminate to suffer*

L14: *women of foreigne birth and different religions*

L15: *to intermeddle with the affairs of State it is always*

L16: *found to produce sad desolations and it hath bene*

L17: *observed that a French Queene never brought*

L18: *any happinesse to England some kind of fatality too.*

Questions:

- 1) What does Lucy say Queen Henrietta has been doing? L3-6 and L15
- 2) Lucy thinks the Queen's actions have been harmful. What word does she use to describe the impact of her actions on the kingdom? What word did she start to use but then crossed out? What is the difference between these two words? L6
- 3) What do Lucy's comments about the reasons why Queen Elizabeth's reign was so fortunate suggest about her attitude towards women? L-10-12

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