

I am anxious on any vital point, anything that is obscure about any important person but this particular point if I go into it, I mean it's just simply(?) of a hundred others and we'd just be stuck so I don't dare do it. That is a difficulty - with a very involved period I could just give you three sentences and cover it and be done with it. But I don't want to do it - I want you to get more idea of it than that but I ~~XXXXXX~~ don't know how to give you more idea of it without touching on a great many details that I cannot (5.75)

Now you get the main things down, that's all I can ask of you in this period. (Student question) Yes, this was Catharine's Mother(?) Catharine was the real controller of France and it was Catharine's plan and she tried to do it but it ended with no - naturally with no agreement. Now I could give you the name of the place where this occurred and the names of the different ones in it and just something of the debate in it - it would be very interesting but we just don't have time for it. But I just give it as an example of Catharine's idea and her attitude. She wanted to keep the people together. Well, she issued an edict that they were not to interfere with each other, that religion was not to cause interference and difficulty but some ardent retainers of the Duke of Guise coming on a Huguenot congregation, attacked them and murdered 300 of them. And this caused a wild cry of fury from (6.5) as Smith says it and there was fighting in the streets in many cities and in 400 people perished and there was a situation which was very, very difficult. And the Protestants began to raise an army and to start negotiations with England to try to defend themselves against the attacks of the Duke of Guise. Well now this was not Catharine's plan. This was the efforts of the Guise family but they were powerful nobles and she could not put them down. Two months later, Francis of Guise was assassinated by a Protestant. So the Duke of Guise was assassinated and