Lady Jane Grey: her tragic destiny, a reconstruction of Lady Jane's life as it appears in history and the arts: an honors thesis (HONRS 499)

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Abstract:
This thesis is a discussion of an English queen forgotten by history, but remembered in literature and the arts: Lady Jane Grey. Historians have often overlooked her as she ruled for only nine days in 1553, and thus made little historical impact. Although seemingly unimportant, Lady Jane Grey has been a wonder to many. Unfortunately, little documentation of her life remains. As a consequence, the responsibility for the reconstruction of her life has fallen upon the shoulders of writers and artists. Even though this can create a fragmented portrait of Lady Jane, it nonetheless shapes the way people have viewed her throughout history. They have created Lady Jane Grey as she is known today.

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