

Local History – Civil War

Timeline

1625	1629	1640	1642	1643	1644	1645	1645-46	1646	1649
Charles I became king of England, Scotland and Ireland	Charles closed parliament	Charles re-opened parliament but this only lasted for 3 months	Charles travelled to Nottingham to raise the Royal Standard	First siege of Newark	Second siege of Newark	Battle of Marston Moor	Third siege of Newark	King Charles I surrendered himself to the Scots	King Charles I executed

Key Vocabulary

Catholic	A person of the Roman-Catholic faith.
Cavalier	A supporter of King Charles, known for their flamboyant clothing.
Civil War	A war between citizens of the same country.
Execution	A sentence of death on a condemned person.
Monarchy	A form of government with a monarch as the head.
Musketeer	A soldier armed with a musket.
Parliament	The highest legislature, consisting of the Sovereign, the House of Lords, and the House of Commons.
Pikeman	Foot soldiers armed with a pike (a long wooden pole with a metal spear attached the end).
Protestant	A follow of the Christian church, separate from the Catholic church.
Roundhead	A member or supporter of the parliamentary party.
Siege	A military operation in which enemy forces surround a town or building, cutting off essential supplies, with the aim of compelling those inside to surrender.
Tax	A compulsory contribution to state revenue.

Key Questions

- Can you name some of the causes that led to the English Civil War?
- Who were the two different sides in the civil war?
- Why did people choose the sides they did?
- What effect did the civil war have on communities?
- Can you name at least 3 battle strategies used by the different sides?
- What key roles did Nottingham and Newark play in the war?
- Who won the civil war and why?

Famous Figures

King Charles I – believed in the divine right of kings and wanted to rule independently and have total control.

Queen Henrietta Maria – Charles' wife, she returned to England in 1643 with weapons and professional soldiers and marched at the head of her army.

Oliver Cromwell – Puritan MP and leader of the Parliamentary forces.