



Knowledge Organiser: Year 4 History: Charles I and the English Civil War



Overview

Charles I was the King of England, Scotland and Ireland from 1625 to 1649. He reigned after the death of his father, James VI of Scotland, and before his son, Charles II.

Charles I ruled during the English Civil War, a result of his unpopularity due to taxes and his divine right as King.

How did the division of England change throughout Charles I's reign and the English Civil War?

Charles I:

- Increased taxes on the British people to fund his ruling. The British people were very unhappy about this.
- Was executed as a result of losing the English Civil War, after a trial found him guilty of treason.
- Was the last King before the abolition of the monarchy that lasted 11 years (1649-1660).



Battle of Naseby

Prior Knowledge

Parliament A group of people who make laws and run the country.

Community A group of people who live in the same place or share something in common.

Battle A fight between two groups, often part of a war.

Judgement A decision made about what is right or wrong.

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Monarch A king or queen who rules a country.

Divine right The old belief that kings and queens were chosen by God to rule.

Legacy something a person leaves behind after they die, like ideas, buildings, or memories.

Taxation Money people pay to the government to help run the country.

Conflict A serious disagreement or fight between people or groups.

Consequences What happens after an action — the results, good or bad.

Victory Winning in a game, battle, or competition.

Trial A meeting in court where it is decided if someone has broken the law.

Treason The crime of betraying your country or ruler.

Commonwealth A group of countries or states that work together, often linked by history.