

# History Knowledge Organiser HT6 - Why did Charles I lose his head and why did this change England dramatically?

## Who was Charles I?

- Ascended the throne in 1625
- Inherited the problems his father King James developed with Parliament
- A great lover of art
- Believed in the Divine Right of Kings - the belief that he was chosen by God and did not have to answer to other people
- Disagreed with and disbanded Parliament.
- Was executed in 1649 after losing the English Civil War



## Royalists



Led by King Charles and Prince Rupert in battle  
 Made up of rich lords  
 Went into battle on horseback  
 Fought with pistols and swords  
 Tended to be moderate Protestants

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## Parliamentarians



Led by Oliver Cromwell  
 Many townsmen and inexperienced  
 Went into battle on horseback  
 Tended to be Puritans

Why did Charles lose?	New Model Army	Was Cromwell a hero or villain?	The Restoration	The legacy of the war
<p>The king and his Commanders had poor leadership skills</p> <p>London was under the control of the Parliamentarians which allowed them to trade well with overseas countries</p> <p>Charles was let down by his armies in the North West - they failed to join Parliament had control of the navy</p>	<p>During the war Cromwell established a new army which was a turning point and a main reasons for Parliaments win.</p> <p>Why?</p> <p>Soldiers were paid well and on time</p> <p>Soldiers declared an oath</p> <p>Best soldiers were promoted</p> <p>They all had equipment, weapons and armour</p>	<p><b>Hero</b></p> <p>Ended harsh taxes</p> <p>Ended the civil war</p> <p>Established rules for Parliament to build on in the future</p> <p>Reduced the power of the monarch in the long term</p> <p><b>Villain</b></p> <p>Was cruel and brutal</p> <p>Ruled like a dictator</p> <p>Restricted religious freedom</p> <p>Did not allow entertainment e.g. theatres</p>	<p>For 11 years England was ruled by Oliver Cromwell - Lord Protector. England had no monarchy and was a republic - declared the Commonwealth.</p> <p>When Cromwell died his son Richard took his place but lacked the qualities of his father. Charles' son, also named Charles, returned to England and became King Charles II - the monarchy was restored</p>	<p>An advanced army was created.</p> <p>The victory of the Parliamentarians encouraged revolutions in other countries.</p> <p>Ireland was occupied under Cromwell</p> <p>Cromwell ensured no monarch would be able to rule without the consent of Parliament.</p> <p>The Parliamentarians laid the foundation for future modern monarchy-government relations</p>

### Causes

King Charles upset Parliament by marrying a Catholic

Charles upset the people by introducing the ship tax

Charles dissolved Parliament

Charles spent a lot of money on works of art

Charles introduced new prayer book in Scotland

### Consequences

One of the bloodiest conflicts England had ever seen

Charles lost the war. Charles was publicly executed

England was declared a republic: a country without a Monarch

The country was governed by Oliver Cromwell: Lord Protector

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