

# THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

Have you ever wanted to learn all about the English Civil War? Well, read on to find out all you could ever wish to know about the legendary battles that go down in history.

## When and what?

The English Civil War was a series of 3 main wars fought between the crown and Parliament from 1642 until 1651. There were several reasons for the outbreak of the war: money, religion and power.

### **Money**

Charles I wanted more money.

### **Religion**

Charles I was thought to be a secret Catholic.

### **Power**

Both Parliament and the King wanted more power.

## KEY QUESTION

What IS a civil war?

A civil war is when the two sides involved are both from **the same country**.



## Who?

The English Civil War was fought between the '**Roundheads**' and the '**Cavaliers**'.



## Battles

There were many battles fought during the course of the Civil War but the three main battles were the Battle of Edgehill, Battle of Marston Moor and the Battle of Naseby.

Charles I was put in prison and was eventually killed in 1649. He was beheaded (ew!) Good bye Charles I!

## Who were the key figures?

The main people involved in the English Civil War were King Charles I, his son Charles II and Oliver Cromwell.



## Not ANOTHER Charles?!

After the fate of his father, Charles II came to England to take over the crown.

## The Lord Protectorate

The Roundheads found Oliver Cromwell. He had a lot of support from the public and became 'Lord Protectorate' which was NOT the same as being a King.

## The end?

Oliver Cromwell was Lord Protector until his death in 1658. His son, Richard, took over but was not as good as his father.

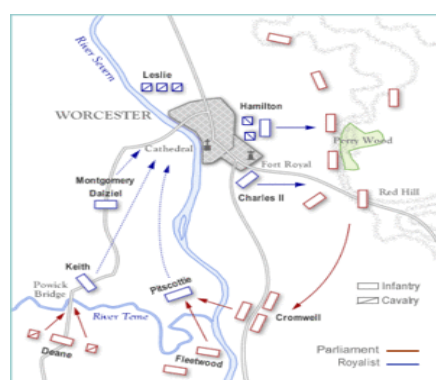
In 1660, Charles II returned and became King of England.



## The Battle of Worcester

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1651, the Battle of Worcester was fought. It was the final battle and Oliver Cromwell's army beat Charles II's.

It is said that Charles II ran away and hid in a tree so that he wouldn't be killed.



## Worcester

Due to its involvement in the Civil War, Worcester has many places that you can visit to learn about it such as The Commandery (King Charles II headquarters).