THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

War and Commonwealth
WISDOM
“The Wisest Fool”

- Colonization of the New World
  - Jamestown

- King James Bible
  - Despised Tobacco, Liked the Profits
    - “...a "custome Lothesome to the eye, hateful to the Nose, harmfull to the braine, [and] dangerous to the Lungs.”

- Peace Rather than War
  - Spain
FOOLISHNESS

“The Wisest Fool”

- **Overindulged** In All Things
  - Heavy drinker

- **Strict Protestant**
  - No tolerance

- Pocahontas
  - Introduced to James
  - Refused to believe he was a king
“Sweet Steenie”

“I, James, am neither a god nor an angel, but a man like any other. Therefore I act like a man and confess to loving those dear to me more than other men. You may be sure that I love the Earl of Buckingham more than anyone else, and more than you who are here assembled. I wish to speak in my own behalf and not to have it thought to be a defect, for Jesus Christ did the same, and therefore I cannot be blamed. Christ had John, and I have George.”

Rex fuit Elizabeth, nunc est regina Jacobus
RELIGIOUS EXTREMES

- Religious Extremes
  - Puritans vs. Papists

- What do the Puritans want?
  - English Protestants
  - Wanted “pure” doctrine

- What do the Papists want?
  - ...or what do the English think they want?
Sovereignty of Parliament
- Parliament used to running the show
- Separate body from the king
- The king can’t tell them what to do, but they can force the king

Stuarts Believe in Divine Right
- God appointed them
- They answer to no one but God
CHARLES I

- Characteristics
  - Shy and serious with a speech impediment
  - Great personal charm, modesty, and politeness, but...
  - Lack of humor, nervous tension, and no self-confidence

- “Men wondered that so good a man should be so bad a king.”
It is 1625 and you have decided to get married. A marriage could be a strong alliance for your country.

- Shows up in Spain in the king’s eldest daughters bedroom, then marries a French Catholic instead

It is 1626. Your main adviser Buckingham has wasted lots of money on a failed naval attack against Spain. Parliament want him punished.

- Gets angry, no one tell me what to do! Parliament stops giving Charles money.

You have run out of money and need to raise taxes. Taxes can only be raised by consulting Parliament.

- Raises a tax without Parliament’s approval; would the people be more willing to pay a tax with Parliament’s approval?

The members of Parliament are angry that Charles has not consulted them before raising taxes.

- Close Parliament and send them home for 10 years! Kings had ruled without Parliament for years and so can he!
It is 1634. You have run out of money again.

- He forces the coastal cities to pay a “ship tax” which was normally paid only during wars (and he does this without who’s approval?)

Ship Money has been very successful – a lot of money has been collected.

- Now we are going to have the inland people pay this tax as well and continue to have the coastal cities pay too! YAY!

It is 1637. A man called John Hampden has refused to pay the Ship Money tax, saying that it is illegal for the King to raise taxes without Parliament’s permission.

- Put Hampden on trial and execute him to make an example. How are the people going to respond?

There is still religious unrest in the country but most people are Protestants. You want people to feel closer to God.

- Order a new prayer book that is similar to the Catholics and order churches to become more ornate…like the Catholics. He truly thought more decorations brought you closer to God.
WOULD YOU BE A BETTER RULER?

- Many Puritans are campaigning against the changes you have made to the Church and are producing pamphlets attacking both you and the Archbishop of Canterbury.
  - Lose your temper and cut their ears off
  - “The executioner cut off Mr Burton’s ears, deep and close, in a cruel manner with much bleeding and an artery being cut. Mr Prynne’s cheeks were seared with an iron made exceeding hot, after which the executioner cut off one of his ears and a piece of his cheek; then hacking the other ear almost off, left it hanging.”

- You are king of both England and Scotland. However the Scots do not follow the same religion as the English – they are very strict Puritans.
  - Demand that the Scots become like the English

- The Scots have reacted badly to the new prayer book and are rioting. You want to raise an army to deal with them but need money to pay for it.
  - Raise a new tax without Parliament and declare war on Scotland. Tax payers and collectors strike!
WOULD YOU BE A BETTER RULER?

- It is April 1640. Charles calls Parliament. Your new taxes have caused major problems in England. You have gone to war with the Scots, but Parliament still refuses to grant you any money unless you end your unpopular taxes and stop your reforms to the Church.
  - Close Parliament again...how dare they tell you what to do!

- It is November 1640. Your army has been defeated by the Scots. They have now invaded the north of England and are demanding money from you before they will leave. Parliament have said they will help you if you agree to give them more power.
  - Raise a new tax without Parliament

- It is January 1642. You have been arguing with Parliament for well over a year now but you are certain that there are 5 main troublemakers convincing the other MPs to turn against you.
  - Break down the doors of Parliament to arrest these troublemakers! MPs had fled already.
WOULD YOU BE A BETTER RULER?

- It is March 1642. There is a rebellion in Ireland and an army is needed to deal with it. Parliament does not want you to have control of the army and have asked you if you will let them control the army.
  - Refuse to let them control the army. Parliament takes control anyway!

- It is June 1642. Parliament have made another list of demands called the Nineteen Propositions. Essentially if agreed to, this would give Parliament all of your power.
  - Refuse and raise your own army. Both sides build for war!

- Parliament prepares its army for war against the King.
  - Raise your standard and declare war on Parliament!
OLIVER CROMWELL

- **The Unknown Man**
  - First 40 years of his life
  - Religious conversion – “Independent Puritan”
  - **Intensely religious, but slightly tolerant**

- **Member of Parliament (MP)**
  - Enters the Civil War with the...

- **Roundheads**
  - Or *Parliamentarians*
  - Leads the **New Model Army**
ENGLISH CIVIL WAR (1642-1649)

VS.

ROUNDHEADS

CAVALIERS/ROYALISTS
**WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?**

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<td>Supported Parliament</td>
<td>Supported King Charles I and the monarchy</td>
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<td>Church of England, but quite strict – Many are puritans</td>
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<td>Usually from the country - ordinary men (bakers, shoemakers, etc.)</td>
<td>Usually the wealthy, upper classes</td>
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<td>Believed that you shouldn't obey the king if he was wrong</td>
<td>Either believed in the Divine Right of Kings as the Stuarts did, or felt it was inappropriate to challenge the king</td>
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VIDEO – Roundheads vs. Royalists – West Side Story Style…
ROUNDHEADS
CHARLES AT NOTTINGHAM

- **Raises the Royal Standard**
  - Accepts Parliament’s challenge
  - Prepares for war against the Scottish and English Parliaments

- **First Civil War** (1642-45)
  - Loses, but doesn’t accept defeat
  - Runs away

- **Second Civil War** (1648-49)
  - Loses, captured, and tried for high treason
THE TRIAL OF CHARLES I

- The Trial
  - London, 1649
  - **First English monarch to be tried in court**

- Accusations
  - being a "tyrant, traitor and murderer; and a public enemy to the Commonwealth of England."
  - Used his power for personal gain rather than the good of England
  - To Charles – trial is illegal and ridiculous – Why?
What do you think the verdict should have been?

The Verdict… **GUILTY… Charles I is the first and only English monarch to be put on trial and executed**
EXECUTION

- Wore Warm Clothing
  - Didn’t want to shiver
  - "I shall go from a corruptible to an incorruptible Crown, where no disturbance can be."

- Courteous Cromwell
  - Allows the head stitched back on…

- The Carolinas
  - What do they have to do with anything?
    - Charleston
The Commonwealth

- Republic Ruled England (1649-60)
  - Eventually Scotland and Ireland too

- The Rump Parliament (1649-53)
  - Before execution, created laws legalizing acts

- Crazy Cromwell
  - Creates the Barebones Parliament
  - Invited to become the Lord Protector

- VIDEO – Good ‘ol Religious Cromwell
THE PROTECTORATE

- **The First Protectorate**
  - Oliver Protector
  - **King in all but name**

- Croaking Cromwell
  - Dies at 59 – malaria and urinary/kidney stones
  - Burial at Westminster Abbey

- **The Second Protectorate**
  - Cromwell’s son Richard inherits
  - Cromwell wasn’t a king, right?!
  - Richard ousted
CROMWELL – GOOD GUY/BAD GUY?

- Oliver Cromwell
  - Controversy
    - Regicidal dictator?
    - Hero of liberty?
  - BBC polls
    - Military and political genius

- Perspective
  - England – like or dislike?
  - Scotland – like or dislike?
  - Ireland – like or dislike? - Genocidal
RESTORATION OF THE THRONE

- **Charles II**
  - Charles I’s son
  - Living in exile
  - Invited to return and be king – dates his succession as his father’s death date
  - Cromwell dug up, hung in chains, and beheaded

- VIDEO – The English Civil War
Activity
- Make a propaganda poster to encourage support for either the Roundheads or the Cavaliers.
- Include both pictures (drawn or otherwise) and text

Think!
- What type of people are you targeting?
- What arguments are going to get them on your side?

KEY TERM
Propaganda - information, ideas, or rumours deliberately spread widely to help or harm a person, group, movement, institution, nation, etc.