



# Year 5 History Knowledge Organiser - English Civil War

## Key People



Charles I ruled England from 1625 - 1649



Ruled England as Lord Protector from 1653-1658



**Cavaliers** The nickname given to the Royalists, who fought for the King; it literally meant "horsemen". **Roundheads** The nickname given to those who fought for Parliament; many Puritans wore their hair very short / closely cropped.

**Civil War:** A War between different groups within the same country.

**Divine Right of Kings:** A belief that the Monarch was chosen by God, that their power and authority was derived from God and they had to answer to no one except God.

**Puritans:** Christians who believed in simple church services and studying the Bible rather than following the Catholic church, bishops or priests.

**Ship money/ ship tax:** A tax traditionally only to be imposed on coastal towns in times of war, to pay for the navy; Charles I imposed the tax during peace time and across the country.

## Key Events:-

**1606** Gunpowder Plot - A group of Catholics led including Guy Fawkes, Robert Catesby, Thomas Winter, Thomas Percy, and John Wright. Plotted to kill the King of England (James I) by blowing up Parliament.

**1625** Charles I became King and married Henrietta Maria

**1629** Charles I dissolve Parliament and ruled without them; he raised money through imposing Ship Money, **1640** Charles was forced to recall Parliament as needed money to fight Scots

**1641** Charles marched into the House of Commons with 400 soldiers to arrest his five leading critics, but they had fled.

**1642** 22nd August: Charles raises the royal standard at Nottingham Castle, starting the civil war

**1649** Execution of Charles I, England becomes a Republic under Oliver Cromwell and Parliament.

