

What happened during the English Civil War?



Aim:

Identify the differences between the armies of the Civil War
Examine which sections of society supported each side in the Civil War

The two sides recap:

What is the name of the King's supporters?



Royalists

Parliamentarians

What is the name of Parliament's supporters?



Puritan

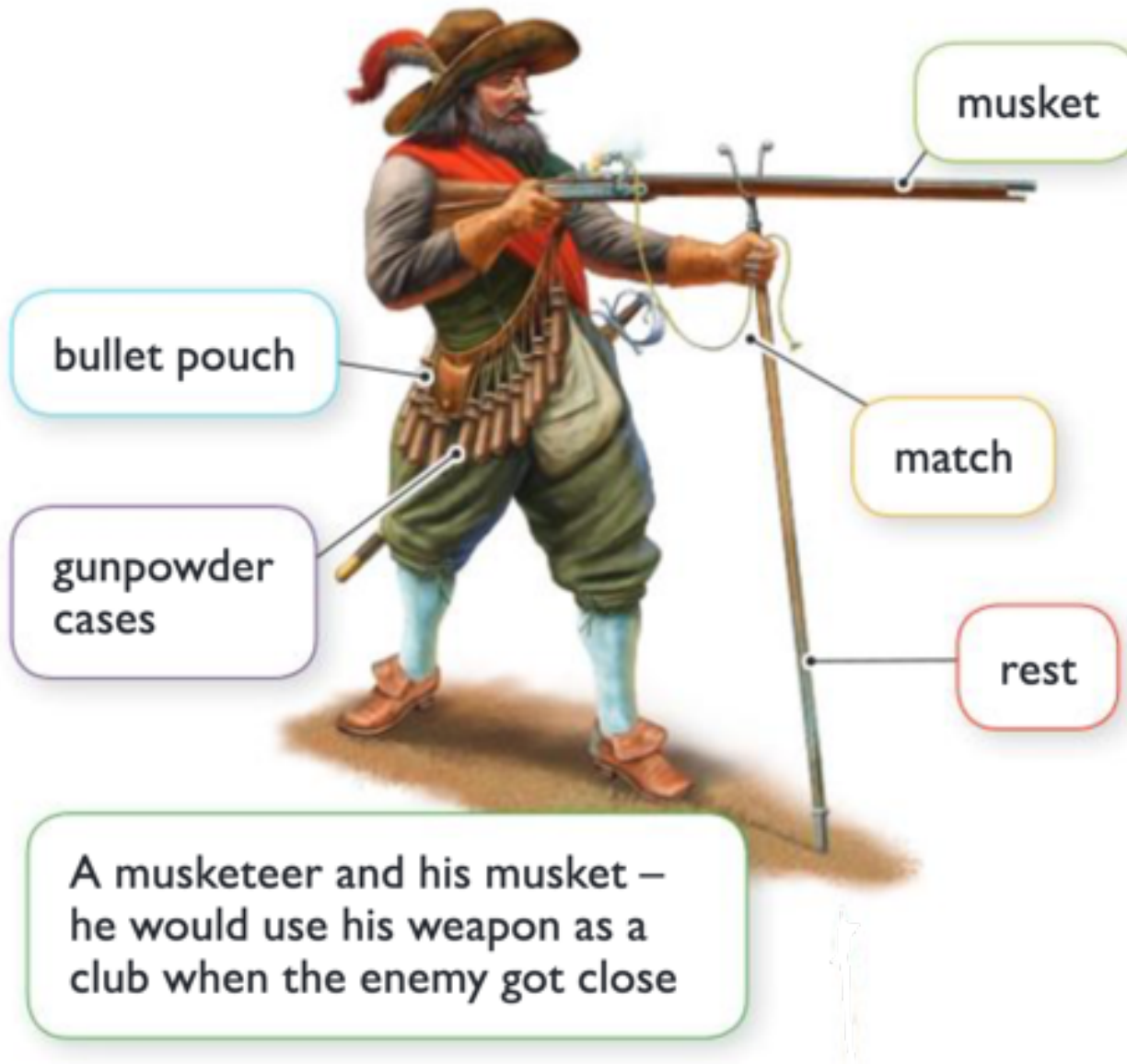
Wants to
reduce the
King's power

Wants the king to
work with
Parliament

Supports
William Laud's
church reforms

The musketeers

“We seem to bury more fingers and thumbs than men”





The Pikemen – Stood at the front of the army and pointed their pikes at charging enemy horses

Some people knew exactly who to fight for. The rich Lords and country gentlemen usually fought for the King. His support was strongest in the north of England, Wales, Devon, Cornwall and Somerset.

Parliament was most popular in the south, especially in London and other large towns and ports. Most merchants, businessmen and Puritans also fought for Parliament.



The Royalists were known as **Cavaliers**. 'Cavalier' comes from the Italian word *cavaliere*, which means soldier on horseback. The Cavaliers were known for their long hair and stylish clothes.



The Parliamentarians were nicknamed **Roundheads** because of their simple, short 'bowl-cut' hairstyles.

Most poor people had to fight for whichever side their landlord supported. Some people did not know or care about the issues; in 1644, when an army patrol near Marston Moor told a shepherd that the king and Parliament were at war, he said:



'Whaat! Has them two fallen out then?'

Many 'people-of-substance' tried NOT to commit themselves – some families put a son in both sides so they would come out well whoever won. Many others, however, felt they had to choose between the '**Cavaliers**' on the king's side, and the '**Roundheads**' who supported Parliament. Should they take up arms (fight) for the king or for Parliament?

The New Model Army

Following the first major battle, Edgehill, the commanders of the Parliamentary armies were shocked by their troops lack of discipline and skill. Something had to be done or the king's trained and experienced armies would decimate the Roundheads, quickly!

Parliament decided to create a fighting force, the New Model Army, England's first professional army. Thomas Fairfax was given the job of training this New Model Army.

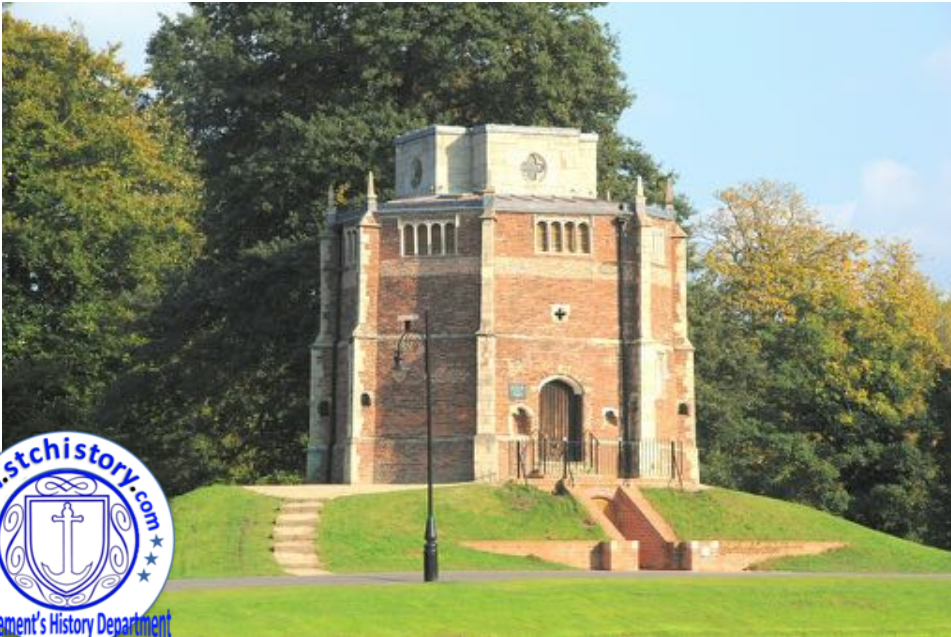
There were strict rules for example they couldn't be extremely violent in their duties, no swearing or throwing down their arms!



The Siege of King's Lynn

In the summer of 1643 King's Lynn, at the mouth of the River Great Ouse, was occupied by **Royalist** forces.

But just a few weeks later, blockaded by sea and besieged by land, the town fell to the **Parliamentarians** who immediately re-fortified the town's defences, making it one of the strongest in East Anglia.



18 barrels of gunpowder
stored at Red Mount during
Civil War

St Margaret's Church (Saturday Market Place), opposite the Town Hall & gaol house

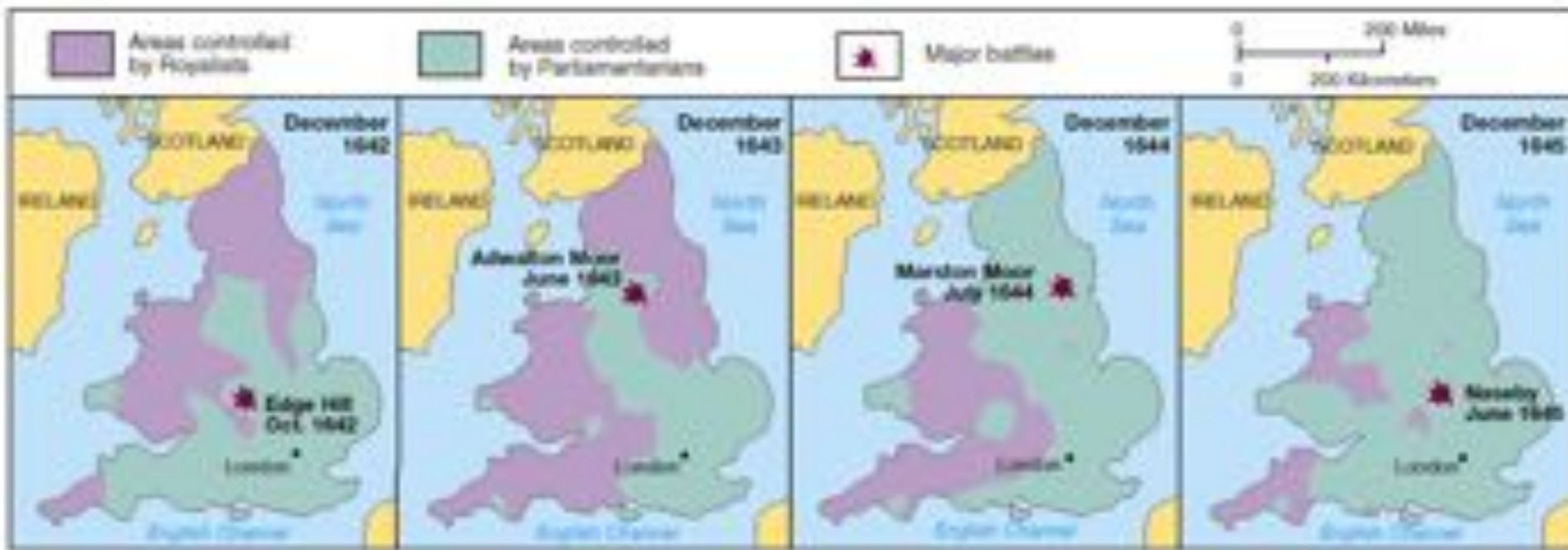




Big Church
Pizza Express
Town Hall

At the start of the
Civil War in 1642





What can we learn about the Civil War from this source?

Roundhead	
Cavalier	
Cavalry	
Infantry	
Musketeer	
Pikeman	
Ally	

Soldiers on horseback.

A soldier who uses a Pike.

A nickname for a soldier who fought for the King in the Civil War.

A soldier who carries a musket.

Soldiers on foot.

A group of people on the same side in battle.

A nickname for parliament soldiers during the Civil War

Quick Quiz

1. The nickname of the King's soldiers

- ☐ Cavalier
- ☐ Roundhead
- ☐ Pikeman

2. How did Parliaments soldiers look?

- ☐ Long hair and stylish clothes
- ☐ Simple, short hairstyles
- ☐ Punk hair style

3. What was a musket?

- ☐ A 5 metre long pole
- ☐ A big gun
- ☐ A soldier on horseback

4. What colour sash did the Cavaliers wear?

- ☐ Red
- ☐ Yellow
- ☐ blue

5. What religion were many of the Roundheads?

- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Catholic
- ☐ Puritan

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What was it like to live during the English Civil War?



“Knock Knock!!”

- Imagine you are sitting at home having your dinner when all of a sudden you hear loud knocking at your door!!
- The people banging at the door are looking for your Father, they want to ask him some questions...

Think back...

What do we remember about what happened in the Civil War with our friends & family?...



Friends & family became enemies!!

Ok, it seems the men at the door who were once your father's drinking friends from the pub are now looking for him because your dad chose to fight against the King and not with them for the King!



These men have forced their way into your house...

You are about to be questioned by them under pressure
and you have no time to prepare yourself.

You have to remember that you don't want to get your
own family into trouble!



Have a look at the painting called
“And when did you last see your father?”

Let's think about how we might feel in this situation, and then look at what is happening. As brilliant historians, between us all let us see how many ideas we can come up with about what is happening... Listen to all of the sounds from the room...





How is mum feeling?

Why is he yawning?

How does the man questioning appear? Why?

If this was you, how would you feel?

Key points...

- Mum is upset
- Sister is crying
- Man looks tired – Why? Maybe they have knocked on 20 houses today and they are tired looking for Royalists?
- Man is writing down everything you say
- Man questioning you seems calm and not aggressive – Why?