

Foxford Learning Plan

YEAR8

Topic English Civil War

Spring 1

Key Vocabulary	
Divine Right	The belief that the monarch/king was chosen by God.
Civil war	A war that takes place in one country between two or more groups who have different aims
Parliament	The group of important men who made up the government of Britain.
Royalist	The loyal supporters of King Charles I during the English Civil War.
Cavalier	The nickname given to the soldiers who fought on the side of the King.
Roundhead	The nickname given to the soldiers who fought on the side of Parliament.
New Model Army	A new army created by Oliver Cromwell to fight for Parliament in the English Civil War.
Execution	The action of carrying out the legal killing of someone convicted of a crime.
Infantry	A unit of soldiers trained to fight on foot.
Cavalry	A unit of soldiers mounted on horseback.
Puritan	An extreme Protestant. Puritans were people who wanted to "purify," or simplify, the Church of England.

Key Skills

Over the course of the topic, I will be able to: -

Know what a Civil War is and understand who fought whom in England 1642-9.

Know, understand and categorise the causes of the English Civil War.

Explain the reasons why Parliament won the English Civil War.

Evaluate the most significant outcomes of the English Civil War in the short and long term.

Judge the extent to which the English were justified in executing their king undertaking historical enquiry.



I will understand

- 1. What the English Civil War was.
- 2. Why the English Civil War happened.
- 3. Why the King lost to Parliament in 1649.
- 4. What were the consequences and significance of the English Civil War.
- 5. Whether the English were justified in executing their King in 1649.