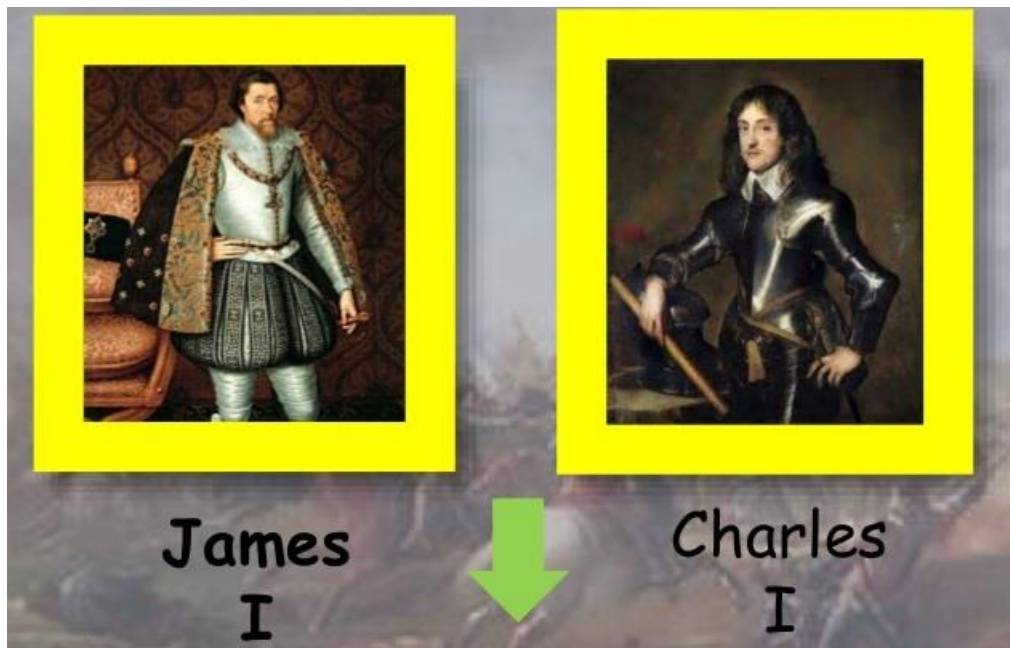


The English Civil War 1642- 1651



The English Civil War



What was the English Civil War?
How did the conflict effect England's
government?

After the death Queen Elizabeth, **James I** (Son of Mary Stuart) came to power.

Reasons for the English Civil War

- In 1603, Elizabeth died. She never married, so there were no heirs to continue the Tudor Dynasty
- Mary Stuart's son James I became the King of England—started **Stuart Dynasty** in England



•Parliament was used to exercising its rights in the name of English People
•Parliament refused to pass new taxes

•James lived a life of luxury.
•He wanted to increase taxes, He wanted to go war.
•He asked Parliament for more money and had to agree that the monarch could not make laws without the approval of Parliament

Reasons for the English Civil War

- Queen Elizabeth recognized the importance of working with Parliament
- James I did not; believed he should be absolute monarch because of **Divine Right** (God chooses royal families to rule); James I did not listen to Parliament
- Major problems between Parliament & King over issues of Authority, Money, & Religion

Problems between the King and Parliament

- **Authority**—James I believed in divine right and absolutism; Parliament felt king should be limited by Parliament
- **Money**—James I has to ask Parliament for money to finance government and life style





What is divine right?

1. King has power to rule from people.
2. King has the power to rule from Congress.
3. King has power to rule from Parliament.
4. King has power to rule from God.

Problems between the King and Parliament

- **Religion**—Puritans were members of the Anglican Church who wanted all Catholic rituals removed; Puritans were active members of Parliament & were angered when James I arranged marriage of son (Charles) to a Catholic princess



Reasons for the English Civil War

- Parliament got fed up with Charles I & refused to give him money unless signed **Petition of Rights** in 1628:
 - King could not jail people without a good reason
 - King could not make taxes without Parliament's approval
 - King could not keep his soldiers in peoples' homes & could not use army to maintain order during peacetime



Reasons for the English Civil War

- When James I died in 1625, his son **Charles I** became king
- Charles was “worse” than James:
 - Charles believed in divine right & absolute monarchy; refused to discuss ideas with Parliament—only called Parliament when he needed money





Civil War

- Charles I was really mad at Parliament & refused to call another Parliament for 11 years until he needed money to end revolts in Ireland & Scotland
- Conflict between supporters of King (Royalists/Cavaliers) Parliament grew so bad that a civil war was inevitable



Civil War

- War between Cavaliers (**Royalists**) vs Roundheads (**supporters of Parliament**) lasted for 5 years
- Roundheads found a strong leader in Oliver Cromwell; Cromwell and Roundheads won & behead the king (1st public execution of a king)

Cavaliers/Royalists were the supporters of King Charles I

The Cavaliers



Roundheads were the representatives of people/Parliament

The Roundheads



At the end of the Civil War, King Charles I was executed in 1649



Who was Oliver Cromwell?

- Oliver Cromwell was a former farmer turned military / political leader
– 1599-1658
- Joined the fight against the King after a religious awakening



Cromwell Takes Power in England



After the Civil War

- After the Civil War, a **Commonwealth** was created— type of government with no king & ruled by Parliament
- Oliver Cromwell led the Commonwealth, but did not use democracy— he became a **military dictator**



Who governed England followed the English Civil War?

- Following Charles I's death, Cromwell becomes England's new ruler
 - Rules from 1649 until his death in 1658
- Declared England a “republic”, but ruled as a military & religious dictator



New Commonwealth

- Life in the Commonwealth was harsh because it was led by Cromwell & the Puritans; Forced strict religious rules on people of England:
- It was illegal to go to theaters & sporting events; “merrymaking” & “amusement” were illegal
- Citizens hated living this way & began to want to bring back a king again



Punishment for “Enemies”

