

English Civil War Vocabulary Terms

Term	Definition	Image
1. Gunpowder Plot	A failed assassination attempt against King James I of England and the Parliament by a group of English Catholics in 1605.	
2. Parliament	The group of (usually) elected politicians or other people who make the laws	
3. Divine Right of Kings	A belief that a monarch's authority to rule comes directly from God, not from the people.	
4. Ship Tax	A tax given typically on the inhabitants of coastal areas of England but was given by Charles I to the people of England to collect more money.	
5. Civil War	A conflict between organized groups within the same country against each other.	
6. Roundheads	Supporters of the Parliament of England during the English Civil War (1642-1649). They were also known as Parliamentarians. They fought against King Charles I and his supporters	
7. Cavaliers	Supporters of King Charles I in the English Civil War. They fought against Parliament and their supporters.	
8. Treason	The crime of betraying one's country, especially by attempting to kill or overthrow the king or government.	
9. House of Commons	The lower house of the Parliament of the United Kingdom where elected representatives, debate issues, and propose and pass new laws.	
10. House of Lords	The upper house second chamber of the UK Parliament. It shares the task of making and shaping laws with the House of Commons and checks the government's work. Made up of Lords and Bishops.	