

Living During the English Civil War



← **Source 1**
A picture of a civil war soldier drawn at the time of the war.

Source 2 →
A Cartoon of a civil war soldier drawn at the time of the war.



1. Make a list of at least 10 differences between source 1 and source 2.
2. Do you think that the person who draw source 2 would thought that civil war soldiers were: a. Heroes, b. Thieves, or c. Very Religious?
3. Use at least three different things you can see in source 2 to explain why you chose the answer you gave in question 2.

Source 3 A description of how Royalist soldiers behaved when they captured Birmingham.

They ran into every house cursing and damning, threatening and terrifying the poor women most terribly. They fell to plundering all the town, picking purses and pockets searching in holes and corners and every other place they could suspect for money or goods. They beastly assaulted many women and boasted about it afterwards.

Source 5 From a modern history text book.

In each county between a third and two thirds of the gentry seem to have taken no active part in the war. Most of the ordinary people took no part either. Many of those listed as supporters of one side or the other were forced to assist one group.

4. Look at source 3. What do you think plundering means?
5. Look at source 4. The Clubmen were a group of men from villages in Dorset who were armed with clubs. What things do you think their rules were designed to stop?
6. Which side in the civil war were the Clubmen on?
7. Using all the sentences write at least a paragraph describing how the majority of people in Britain felt about the civil war.

Source 4 Rules made by the Clubmen of Dorset.

We belong to an Association to preserve ourselves from plunder and violence. Until we receive answers from the King and Parliament:

- The Constable of each town shall set a constant watch of two every night.
- All soldiers who are caught plundering shall be disarmed and returned to their army.
- Any person assembling soldiers for the King or Parliament will not be give our protection.