

# The English Civil War

## Key Terms

**Civil war** this is a war between two armies from the same country

**Parliament** the people who help the king rule England.

**Royalist** the people who support the King

**Puritan** the people who support Parliament.

## The background to the war

The King of England was a man called Charles Stuart. He was the first King to be called Charles. Charles was not very happy that he had to rule England with the help of Parliament, he thought a king should rule on his own.

He started to upset parliament when he married a Spanish lady Princess Henrietta Maria, she was a Catholic. The people in Parliament did not like Catholics.

Next Charles upset Parliament because he started to get money from the English people. He started a new tax called Ship Tax. This tax was meant to be used to pay for the Navy, the people of England were not happy because the country was not at war.

These were the first two steps towards a war between Parliament and the King; it was called the English Civil War.

## TASKS

1. Copy the key terms into your book.
2. Now try and answer these questions.

### Questions. (True or False)

The King was called Charles. True or False?

Charles was very happy to rule with Parliament. True or False?

Charles married a lady from America. True or False?

Charles upset Parliament by playing football. True or False?

### Questions (Hard ones)

What is a Civil War?

What was Ship Tax?

Why did Ship Tax upset the English people?

This is a picture of Charles, cut him out and stick him in your book. Do not forget to label him.



Last question. What was the family name of Charles?