

# Learning Objective, Success Criteria...



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Aim high... Work hard... Be kind...

LO: To understand who the two different sides during the civil war were, and why the roundheads won.

## Success Criteria

I can use persuasive language to explain why my village should fight for either Cavaliers or the Roundheads.

I can create a recruitment poster supporting either Cavaliers or the Roundheads.

I can match the statements to either Roundheads or Cavalier soldiers.

Don't forget at the end of the lesson to self assess (SA) on your sticker how successful you have been with your learning using  

**Key vocabulary**  
Civil war  
Parliamentarians  
Roundheads  
Royalists  
Cavalier  
Treason  
Puritan  
New Model Army

# Starter...

## Spot The Mistakes

Read the passage below and correct spelling and capital letters there are **7 mistakes** in total. Re-write this passage with the correction in your book. **Can you find them all?**

King charles maryied a catholic named Maria. This upset lots of prodestants in England. They feared he was trying to turn England into a catholic country.

Things got even worse when the king introduced unpopular taxes.

The king made a huge mistake when he began making changes to the cherch.

# Divided...

When the civil war broke out in 1642, people across the country were divided over whether to be loyal to the King or parliament.



Charles I



Parliament

# Divided...

Nearly 4% of the population died, and families were pitted against each other: brother against brother, father against son. Could you imagine fighting against your against members of your family because you supported different sides?



# Roundheads and Cavaliers...

The soldiers who fought for Parliament were nicknamed the 'roundheads' due to their short hair, and those who fought for the King were nicknamed 'cavaliers' due to their flamboyant appearance.



**Roundheads**

VS



**Cavaliers**

# Roundheads...

The **Roundheads** were a group of people who supported Parliament and Oliver Cromwell during the English Civil War. They were also called 'Parliamentarians'. They fought against Charles I and the Cavaliers otherwise known as 'Royalists'.



Roundhead  
Soldier



Oliver Cromwell

# Roundheads...

The name Roundheads, which originated in 1641, referred to the short haircuts worn by some of the Puritans soldiers. Puritans were the name given to people who were members of a group of English Protestants.



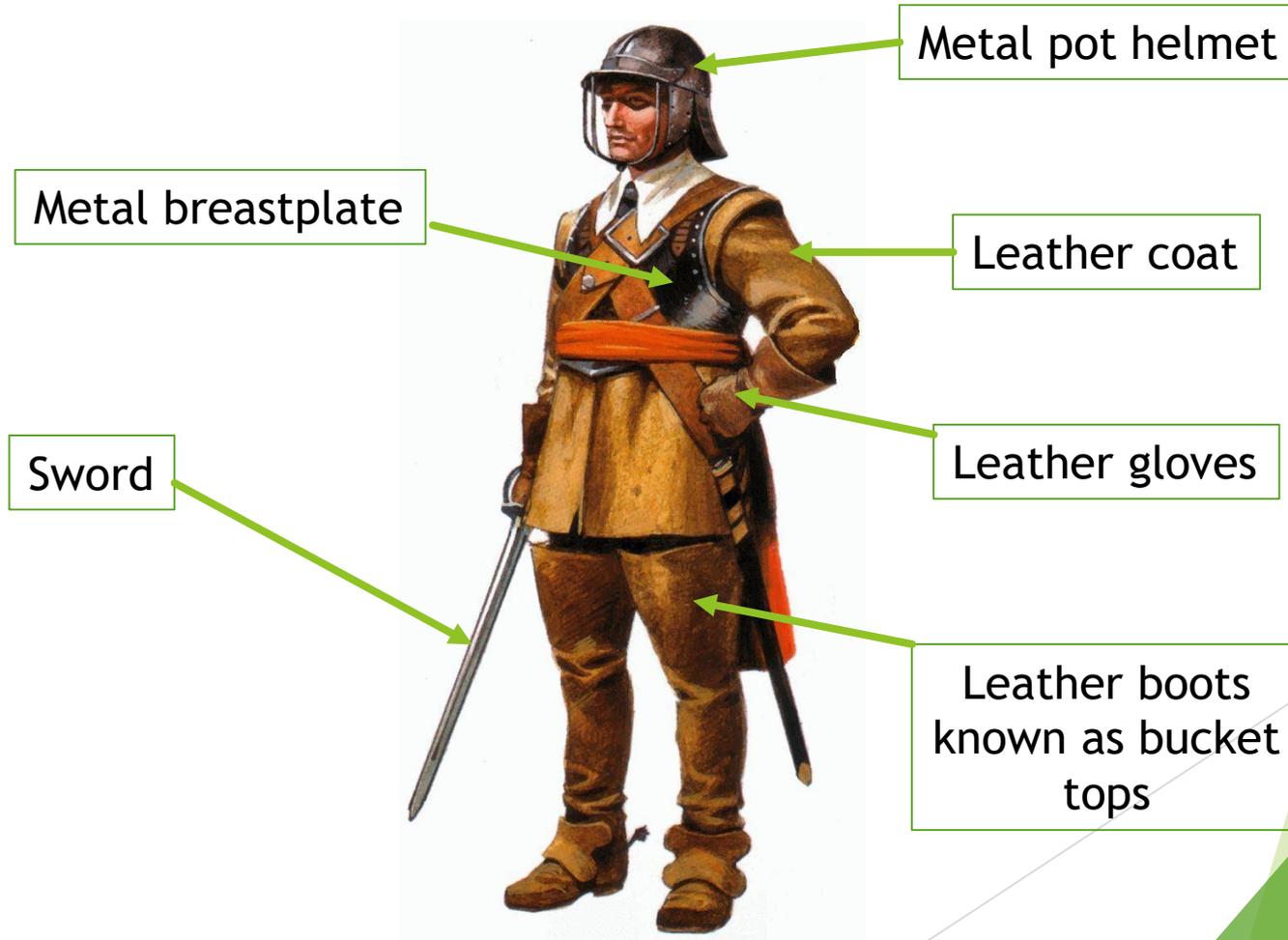
# Roundheads...

The **Roundheads**, were merchants and traders of the south-east and London, who supported Parliament. This gave Parliament much more money than the king Charles. Parliament also controlled the navy. Many of the supporters were also **Puritan**. Roundheads believed Parliament should have more power and more of a say in how the country is run. They tended to live in the South and usually by the coast.



# Roundheads...

Their military leader was Oliver Cromwell. Roundheads wore much simpler clothing. This consisted of a leather tunic, a metal helmet and a metal breastplate to cover their chest.



# Cavaliers...

Those who supported the king were called the Royalists. Royalists were also known as the Cavaliers (which means horseman). Those who supported Charles I tended to be rich, such as rich lords and nobleman. They were from the North and were Catholics.



# Cavaliers...

Royalists felt the king was chosen by god and believed in the absolute power of the king. This meant that all laws should be obeyed, even the bad ones. Many people who disagreed with Charles also fought for him, simply out of loyalty. Most young people fought for Charles as fighting for the king seemed exciting.



# Cavaliers...

A large number of the nobility in England joined the king's army. At that time, upper-class men were trained at a young age to ride horses. This meant that Charles had the advantage of having a very good cavalry. Parliament's soldiers gave them the nickname Cavaliers (Spanish horseman called cavalieros had been responsible for killing Protestants in Europe).



# Cavaliers...

The Cavaliers were very fashionable compared to the Roundheads. They had Long-haired wigs, knee high boots as well as a pistols and swords.



Sword

Feathered hat

Pistol

Leather knee high boots

# Roundheads VS Cavaliers...

The Roundheads won the English civil war because they were disciplined and strict in the preparation. Their soldiers were not as rich as the Cavaliers soldiers, which meant they had a better reason to fight. The Roundheads had Oliver Cromwell who brought a **new Model** of how the Roundheads should be fighting and as their leader who was more tactical in the art of warfare compared to Royalist Cavalier army this gave them the upper hand.

Even though, at times during the Civil War the Roundheads were outnumbered they always found away to defeat their enemy and eventually they force the Cavaliers to retreat winning the the Civil War for Parliamentary supporters.

# Roundheads VS Cavaliers...

Soldiers played a serious part in the outcome of the Civil War. The roundheads used Pikemen to defeat the Cavaliers musketeers. The Pikemen's job was to stand at the front of the whole army with a five metre pole, tipped with steel. When the enemy would approach they dug one end into the ground and pointed the other at the charging enemy horses. They wore heavy armour.

# Roundhead vs Cavaliers...

The Cavaliers were richer and many of them owned horses and had been trained to ride them from a young age. They thought they had the advantage over the Roundheads because of this but they were wrong! However as well riding horses, they carried big and heavy clumsy guns and needed a stick to rest them on because they found it difficult to hold for long periods of time. They lost more fingers than the deaths of their enemy, because the gun used a match and gunpowder for its work making them more dangerous to load and fire than to shoot, which gave the Pikemen and the Roundheads the advantage and eventually winning the Civil War.

# Your task...

You are a spy for your village and they have sent you to watch both the Cavaliers and the Roundheads, who have fought during their first battle of the Civil War. You have now collected this information and you need to report back you found out and finally decided for your village who they should fight for.

I can use the slides to support me with explaining why my village should fight for either the Roundheads or the Cavaliers using persuasive language, written evidence and pictures of the different types of soldiers to convince them.

# Your task...

You are working for either the Roundheads or the Cavaliers and you have been ordered by your commander to make recruitment poster explaining to Englishmen why they should fight for your side and forget about fighting joining the enemy.

Use the slides to support you with your recruitment poster including reasons why they should join explaining the the advantages of why using persuasive language and pictures to convince them.

# Your task...

I can draw a picture of both the Roundheads and the Cavaliers and write the correct statements under each of the picture. Use a page for each soldier and read through all of the statements before writing the statements under each of the pictures.

Below is are pictures of a Cavalier and Roundhead soldiers.



# Statements...

They supported the King and believed he had been chosen by God. They were also called 'Royalists'.

They thought that Parliament should limit the power of the King and were also called 'Parliamentarians.'

Much of the army was made up of rich landowners and aristocracy from the countryside.

The army included farmers but also recruited from the towns and contained merchants and shopkeepers too.

Many of them shaved all of their hair off their heads. They wore simple practical clothing in battle, along with metal helmets and breastplates.

They often had long flowing hair and wispy moustaches and/or beards. They wore fancy fashionable clothes into battle made from expensive materials such as silk.

Some were Catholics and others Protestants who worshipped in a Catholic style.

Many were Puritans who believed in a strict form of Protestantism.

They formed a full-time army, The New Model Army, and spent lots of time training to be more effective in battle.

They enjoyed having fun and holding parties – sometimes even on the day before a battle.

# Plenary...

What do you think should have happened to Charles I when he was defeated?



# Useful links...

The English Civil War | Compilation | Horrible Histories

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJqXsqJmDnk&t=324s>

