

The Long Term Causes of the Civil Wars

On 22nd August 1642 King Charles I declared war on his enemies in Parliament. In the Civil War that followed one in ten British men were killed. Why did a Civil War happen? What had caused a Civil War? In today's lesson we will look at the **long-term causes** of the English Civil War. These are things that happened in England in the years leading up to 1642. The boxes below contain information about Charles I's problems that help to explain why a Civil War happened. Working in pairs you must cut them out and then sort them into three different categories under the following headings:

1. Money

2. Religion

3. Parliament

Once you have sorted them out we will discuss them as a class and then you will write them out in your own words in your books.

<p>1625-49</p> <p>Like James I, Charles I believes that kings get their power from God and must be obeyed.</p>	<p>1625-49</p> <p>Charles I is married to Henrietta Maria. She is Catholic. There are rumours that Catholics will take over.</p>	<p>1629-40</p> <p>Charles I spends large sums of money on himself. He likes paintings and expensive clothes.</p>	<p>1629-40</p> <p>Charles I rules without Parliament. But he needs money.</p>
<p>1635</p> <p>Charles needs a lot of money. He makes people pay a special tax called 'Ship money'. Those who refuse are put in prison.</p>	<p>1633</p> <p>Charles I makes William Laud the Archbishop of Canterbury. Laud does not like Puritans.</p>	<p>1633-40</p> <p>Laud changes Church of England services. He introduces the statues, music and candles that the Puritans hate.</p>	<p>1637</p> <p>Laud's changes are forced on the Scottish church. Many Scots are Puritans.</p>
<p>1639</p> <p>The Scots attack England because they do not like the religious changes. Charles has no army or money to fight.</p>	<p>1640</p> <p>Charles I has to call Parliament to ask for money to fight the Scots.</p>	<p>1640</p> <p>Strafford is executed by order of the Long Parliament and Laud is put in prison.</p>	<p>1630s</p> <p>Earl of Strafford rules Ireland for Charles. He is very unpopular with the Irish and with the Long Parliament.</p>