Social Studies 9

British Civil War and the Fight for Democracy

Things to Review and study

* Parliament – House of Commons verus House of Lords
* Divine Right of Kings
* Magna Carta: Writ of Habeas Corpus
* Republic
* Absolute monarchy
* Constitutional monarchy
* Church of England
* Puritan
* Presbyterian
* Royalist/Cavaliers
* Parliamentarians/Roundheads
* Petition of Right, 1628
* Grand Remonstrance: a law proposing that the king would never again have absolute power; the law would change the role of the king in government and remove many of his powers
* Royal Prerogative – a right of a king allowing him to act outside the law or even against the law in cases of emergency
* Treason/traitor
* Ship money; tonnage and poundage; Court of Star Chamber
* Commonwealth
* Blue Laws
* Test Act
* Bill of Rights, 1689
* The Glorious Revolution

Understand these important people involved in one way or another in the struggles for democracy

James I Charles I Lord Strafford/Archbishop Laud
Oliver Cromwell Charles II James I
William and Mary of Orange

Figure out which side of the Civil War in England each of the following documents supported or was meant to support:

Royal Prerogative Grand Remonstrance Petition of Right
Blue Laws Test Act Divine Right of Kings
Bill of Rights

Prepare to answer questions that are similar to

1. Describe the stratification of 17th century English society
2. Discuss the role of religion in 17th century English society
3. Why were witch hunts so popular during this time?
4. What was the long term impact of the Gun Powder plot?
5. What measures and actions did James I take to anger the British Parliament?
6. What measures did Charles I use to bring England under royal control? How were his actions a violation of the Magna Carta?
7. What were the actions that prompted the clash between Charles I and Parliament? What were some of the ways that he tried to raise money without the consent of parliament? Who were the men behind the scenes advising him?
8. What was the role of the Scottish people in the Civil War?
9. Why did Charles lose the war?
10. Why was the New Model Army unique?
11. What were the problems with the charges against Charles I?
12. What were the successes and failures of Oliver Cromwell?
13. Why would be consider himself a failure?
14. What did Charles II do to try and regain the powers of an absolute monarch? How did he abuse the rules Parliament had set in place?
15. Why was the prospect of James II on the throne so terrifying to the British Parliament?
16. Discuss the process by which England went from a absolute monarchy to a republic to a constitutional monarchy.