



Civil War

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LC- Can I identify who were the
Roundheads and Cavaliers?

Green pen task and comment

Today we are looking at the two sides in the Civil War:

- Roundheads (or Parliamentarians)
- Cavaliers (or Royalists)



These groups had different opinions about politics, how you should dress and what you should believe!

Who were the Royalists?

- They believed that the King should rule the country on his own. Parliament's job was to give him advice but not stop him from making the laws.
- King Charles I believed he had the 'Divine Right'. This meant that he believed that God had made him King so it was wrong to stop him from making new laws or raising taxes.



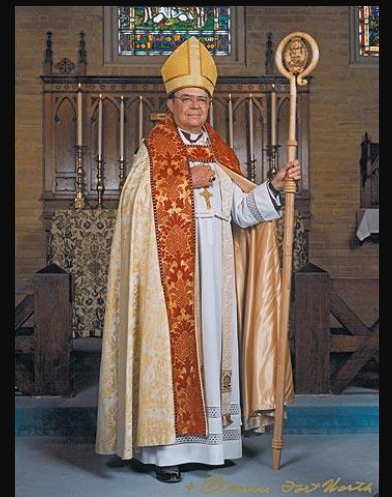
What did they look like?



- The Royalists were sometimes called Cavaliers. This is from a French word 'Chevalier' meaning soldiers that fight on horseback.
- They were often wealthy and from aristocratic families and so dressed in rich fabrics and lace.
- They wore their hair long and liked flamboyant, feathery hats, jewellery, lace cuffs and collars.

What did Royalists believe?

- As well as liking fancy clothes, the Royalists liked their Christianity to be more decorated.
- They wanted beautifully decorated churches.
- They wanted bishops to be in charge of the church.
- This was more Catholic: like the religion in France, Spain and Italy. In fact, the king's French wife was a Catholic



Who were the Parliamentarians?

- Parliament was made up of landowners and merchants from different parts of the country who were voted for by some rich people.
- When the King wanted to pass new laws or raise new taxes, Parliament could stop him if they did not think they were fair.
- They did **not** believe that the king had the divine right to rule by himself.



What did they wear?

- The Parliamentarians were not ordinary poor people but they were not all wealthy aristocrats . Often they had to run estates, businesses or farms so their clothes could not be as fancy as the Royalists.
- They got the nick-name Roundheads because of their short hair cuts.



What did they believe?

- Most Roundheads believed in a simpler type of Christianity without decorated churches.
- The most extreme ones were Puritans. They only wore very plain black and white clothing. They were also not in favour of things like sport, music and dancing
- They remembered how many of England's enemies (in France and Spain) were Catholics.

