



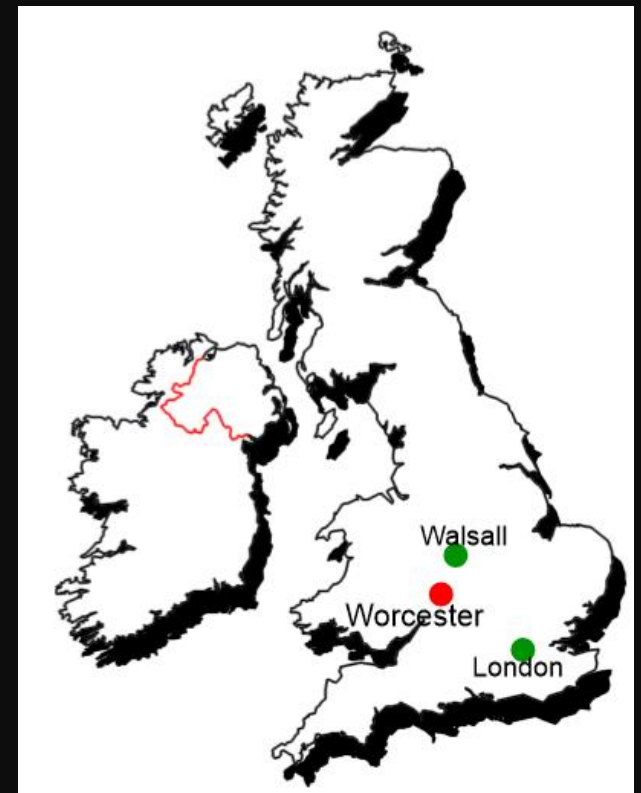
Civil War

LC- Can I write an argument for or against abolishing the monarchy?

Green pen task and comment

Who declared war?

- In 1642, King Charles gathered an army in Worcester and declared war on Parliament.



What happened next?

- England had five years of fighting between roundheads and cavaliers.
- Eventually the Roundheads defeated the Cavaliers and King Charles was captured in 1647.
- However, the next year Charles then persuaded the Scots to invade England to free him. More fighting took place and Parliament won again.

People re-enacting the civil war



The King on trial

- Parliament put the King on trial for treason (betraying his country)
- King Charles refused to answer any questions at his trial because he thought that Parliament didn't have the right to arrest him.
- Charles even refused to take his hat off in Parliament, to show he did not respect it.

Guilty or Not Guilty?

- Parliament voted to execute the King.
- On 30th January 1649, he was taken to the centre of London and beheaded.

His son, also called Charles, continued fighting Parliament. His army was also defeated and in 1651 he escaped to France. He stayed there for nine years.



Was it right to end the monarchy (no more King in charge of Britain)?

- I think Parliament was right to end the monarchy because _____
- I think Parliament was wrong to end the monarchy because _____

Right to end the monarchy

King Charles had raised taxes too much. He did not have permission for this.

Thousands of people died because the King started the war

The King was not prepared to share power with Parliament.

Even when he lost, the King kept trying to fight

Wrong to end the monarchy

Britain had been run by kings and queens for over a thousand years.

Parliament was also responsible for the war by taking control of the army.

Parliament should have kept the king but taken away more of his powers.

Writing your argument

- Use your opinion writing frame to explain whether you think it was right to end the monarchy.
- Remember to explain each reason.
- Use a new paragraph for each argument

Explaining your points

- The main reason why Parliament was right to end the monarchy was that the King started the Civil War. When he declared war in Worcester, he was prepared for people to die. Therefore it is fair that he should have been executed.