ENGLISH CIVIL WAR "Power to the People"



BEGINNINGS

 Queen Elizabeth I (daughter of Henry VIII) ruled with the advice of the Parliament

"Though god has raised me high, yet this I account the glory of the crown, that I have reigned with your loves."



Disagreements

 James I came to thrown from Scotland (E's cousin's son) with "Divine Right" belief= absolute power of monarchy

"Kings are not only God's lieutenants upon earth and sit upon God's throne.....I will not be content that my power be disputed on."

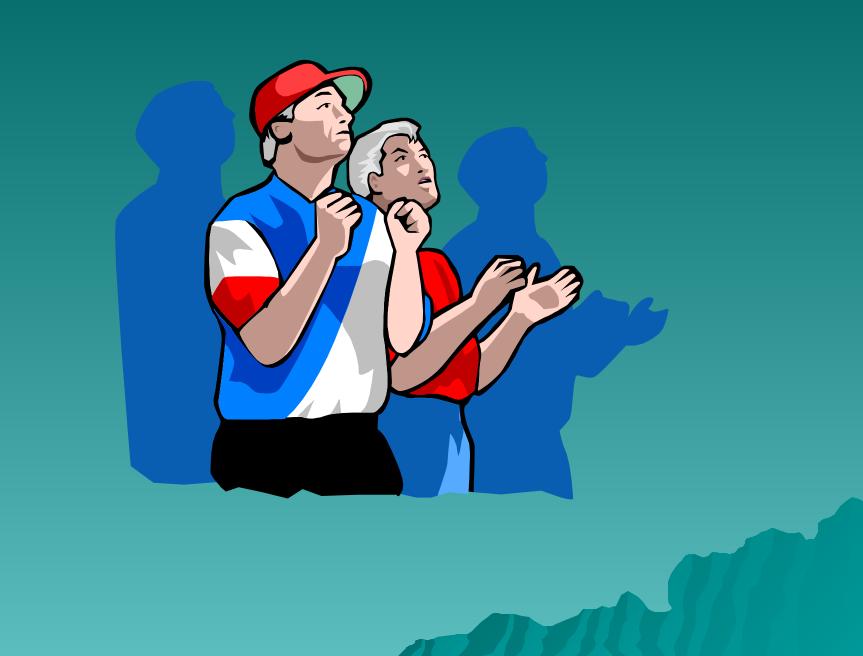
 This attitude aroused resentment in Parliament





FOLLOW THE MONEY

- James I's biggest problem = constant need to ask Parliament for money
 ..."given away more plate (money) than Queen Elizabeth did in her whole reign."
- 1. spent on himself/advisors
- 2. Sold titles of nobility
- 3. Ended war with Spain—cost war repayments=deep in debt
- Arranged marriage of son to Catholic Spanish princess (plans failed=English cheered)



The Puritans

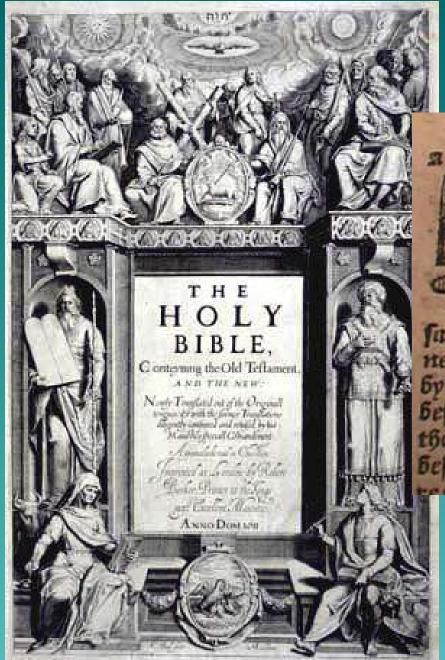


Religious tensions unsettled England

Church of England vs Puritans

 Puritans want to 'purify' the church and take out lots of rituals
 James I refused to reform the church and warned the puritans to conform

 Had Bible translated in Shakespearean style English—"King James" Bible



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CHARLES I

On James' death=son Charles inherits= believes in Divine Rt like dad did AND marries a Catholic woman (sister of France's king)

- We must fight!!
- Charles asks Parliament for money to fight Spain and France
- Parliament refuses full amount
- Charles dissolves parliament and forces landowners to 'loan' \$ to govt or go to jail
- Demands private citizens board soldiers in their homes
- Puts some areas of England under military rule

PETITION OF RIGHT

- 1628 Charles calls Parliament back into session to get more \$ for war
- Parliament forces him to sign:
 Petition of Right= severely limiting the kings power
- 1. forbidden to collect taxes w/o Parliaments consent
- 2. Could not imprison anyone w/o just cause
- **3.** Troops could not be housed in private homes
- 4. Could not declare martial law unless country was at war
- Charles signed it to get the \$\$ to fund war

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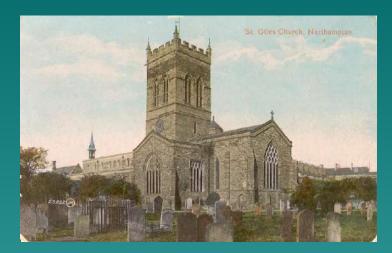
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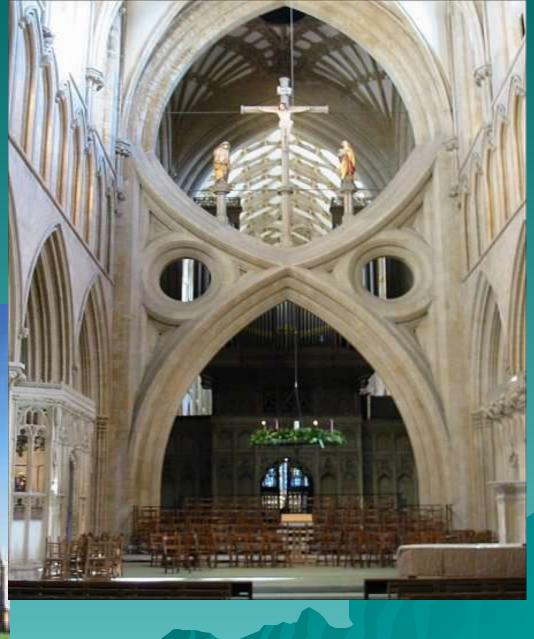
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NO MORE PARLIAMENT

Within one year, Charles dissolves parliament and rules 11yrs on own Appoints a leader to Church of England who persecutes Puritans 1000's puritans (pilgrims) eventually leave England for other countries (America) Attempted to force Scottish Church to accept their prayer book 1640 Scotland invades England













DESPERATE MEASURES

Charles is forced to recall Parliament for help—1st one complained about him so much- dissolved in 3 weeks

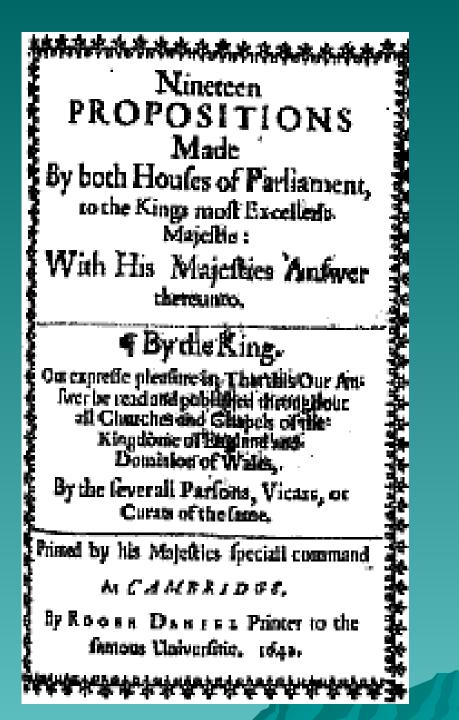
- Desperation forced him to summon them again =seething with anger and full of Puritan representatives they stayed for 20yrs
- The members were determined to decrease the kings' powers
- Now Ireland rebels against unfair English practices

ROYALISTS vs PURITANS

A pro-king group developed in parliament to 'fight' the Puritan (anti-king) group= royalists
The puritan controlled side sent king
"Nineteen Propositions" to sign which included provision to make parliament supreme power
Charles lead troops in House of Commons

and tried to arrest leaders

Both sides now prepared for war



THE WAR

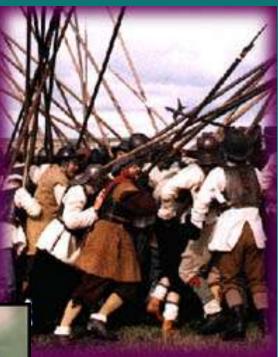
"The cavaliers" = pro-king side mostly landowners/nobles/cavalry

VS

"The Roundheads" = pro-Puritan parliament (closed cropped hair do) Leader = Oliver Cromwell

4 years conflict = Roundheads win King eventually caught and executed







The Commonwealth

 Parliament ended the monarchy
 Set up republic called commonwealth
 (state ruled by elected representatives)

army crushed uprisings Ireland's Catholics lost land Army suppressed opposition Overseas trade policies made England rich and powerful=angered other Europeans

CROMWELL = DICTATOR?

 Dismissed parliament (isn't this were we started) and declared self Lord Protector

 Enforced Puritan's strict moral codes

 When he died his son was unable to keep control
 1660 New parliament restored monarchy=Charles II



Monarchy restored

Representative Govt and individual rts would survive and no monarch would ever have absolute power again!

The American Colonists knew their own English history and were fiercely proud of the power given to the people== thus when they felt mistreated, unrepresented=they felt justified in revolting

