

History Year 8 Knowledge Organiser: Autumn Term

1. Causes of the English Civil War: **Money:** Charles wanted money but needed Parliament to agree any laws to raise taxes. In 1635 he ordered everyone to pay Ship Money without their permission. **Power:** Charles believed in The Divine Right of Kings. In 1629 he banned Parliament for eleven years. In 1635 an MP called John Hampden was arrested for refusing to pay taxes. **Religion:** Charles marries a Spanish Catholic called Henrietta Maria. In 1639 Scottish Puritans attacked England.

2. English Civil War

The armies fought with musketeers, pikemen and cavalry. Parliament's army started badly at the Battle of Edgehill (1642), but soon made improvements and gained ground. By the Battle of Naseby (1645), the King's army was overwhelmed and Parliament won. There were 4 years when the King was imprisoned, escaped, and when discussions were held to try to resolve their differences...but it all ended with the King being put on trial and then executed in 1649. This was a VERY SIGNIFICANT EVENT in British History.

To people living in England at the time, it felt as if the "World had been Turned Upside Down" (Google "World Turned Upside Down English Civil War" Images. What can you see? 😊)

The country was then run by **Oliver Cromwell**, one of the Parliamentary leaders, until he died in 1658, then Parliament ended up asking Charles I's son to come back and be the king - King Charles II - in 1660. We call this the **RESTORATION**.

3. Growth of the British Empire

- 1492:** Columbus sets sail **1496:** Official start of the British Empire
- 1497:** John Cabot claimed Newfoundland **1559:** Elizabeth sends more voyages
- 1577:** Francis Drake claims Western coast of America
- 1583:** Francis Gilbert sets up a colony in Newfoundland
- 1584:** Walter Raleigh creates Virginia **1587:** First English child born in America

4. How Britain became involved in the slave trade:

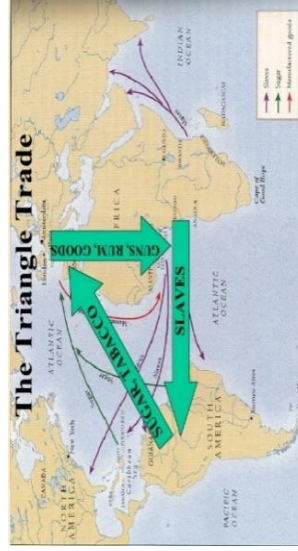
Tudor period: 20,000 free Black people lived in England

1530s: English traders started to go to West Africa where Portuguese merchants had been trading.

1562: John Hawkins led a voyage to capture and enslave African people. Britain's involvement in the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade began.

1627: English settlers started to farm sugar for profit in Barbados. Demand grew so they enslaved Africans to work on the sugar plantations.

5. The Transatlantic Slave Trade



Middle Passage: the journey from Africa to the Americas

Plantation: A huge farm growing one type of crop

6. Slave Resistance

Nanny of the Maroons led enslaved Africans to fight back against the British Army. **Passive resistance** was a way for enslaved people to stand up to their owners through not working. **Keeping African traditions** alive was another way to stand up to plantation owners. **Uprisings** occurred on many plantations. In 1804 Haiti was founded after 500,000 enslaved people revolted and took control of the island. **The Underground Railroad** was run by abolitionists who helped enslaved people to escape to free states, Canada and Nova Scotia.

