

Scheme of Learning: Year 7

Topic Sequence:

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What is History?	The Norman Conquest	The Silk Roads	Religion and the Medieval Monarchy	Life in the 14 th Century	Religion and the Tudors	Tolerance in Tudor England	The English Civil War

Topic Overview:

This topic on religion and the English monarchy during the English Civil War builds on the knowledge gained in the previous modules, focusing on how religion continued to shape the English monarchy, and ultimately led to a shift in power towards a more democratic system. The overarching enquiry question of "To what extent has religion shaped the English monarchy?" is explored through the causes and impact of the English Civil War as well as the establishment of England as a constitutional monarchy following the Glorious Revolution of 1689, especially looking at the role of Protestant and Catholic beliefs in this process. Students will have the opportunity to also use their knowledge from this module and previous modules to evaluate the impact of religion on the monarchy across the 12th to 17th centuries. Furthermore, by establishing concepts such as the sovereignty of parliament and the bill of rights, students are well equipped to understand later modules such as the Changing Electorate and development of our modern democratic systems.

Lesson Sequence:

Lesson 1 introduces the concept of Parliament and establishes its connection to past topics and how it functions in the reign of Charles I, setting up the idea of Parliament as a rival power to church and monarch.

Lesson 2 examines the question of whether religion was the main cause of the English Civil War, including the Protestant and Catholic divide and how it impacts the conflict between the king and Parliament. This lesson introduces Glenn Burgess' interpretation that "Religion was the key determinant... it motivated many in their decision to fight" as a lens through which to evaluate this question. Lesson 3 and 4 evaluate the role of money and power as other determining factors in causing the breakout of civil war. This will include Charles I's tax and trade policy, as well as potential abuses of his power, particularly against the rights of parliament. Lesson 5 is an assessment that asks students to evaluate the extent to which religion was the cause of the English Civil War, allowing them to make a judgment of whether Burgess was right in saying "Religion was the key determinant" or another factor is more important.

Lesson 6 examines the reasons for and against Charles I's execution after being overthrown by the Parliamentarians and links it with the causes of the civil war. This lesson links the decision to execute Charles with considerations of divine right and the power of Parliament in relation to the King.

Lesson 7 explores how England turned 'upside down' under Oliver Cromwell, examining how religion shaped the changes Cromwell made, alongside the similarities and differences between his reign and the reign of English monarchs.

Lesson 8 asks why Charles II is seen as the "Merry Monarch" and establishes why England restored the monarchy, further building on the comparisons of republican and monarchical rule.

Lesson 9 focuses on how Britain became a 'Constitutional Monarchy,' explaining the religious reasons behind the Glorious Revolution and the impact of the Bill of Rights as the start of the constitutional monarchy. This lesson establishes how the power of the monarch was limited by the Bill of Rights and the role of religion in establishing this.

Finally, Lesson 10 is an assessment that evaluates the extent to which religion has shaped the English monarchy from 1133 to 1689, linking all three enquiries into a comprehensive analysis. By examining the power dynamics between Parliament and the Monarchy, as well as the role of religion in shaping the monarchy, students can gain a deeper understanding of how the monarchy evolved over time.

Sequence of Lessons:

1	Parliament and the Monarchy over time
2	Was Religion the main cause of the English Civil War?
3	Was Money the main cause of the English Civil War?
4	Was Power the main cause of the English Civil War?
5	Assessment: Causes of the Civil War
6	Why was Charles I executed?
7	How did England turn 'upside down' under Oliver Cromwell?
8	Why is Charles II seen as The Merry Monarch?
9	How did Britain become a 'Constitutional Monarchy'?
10	Assessment: Religion and Monarchy 1133-1689

Topic Resources:

Knowledge Map:	8 – The English Civil War	Any other Resources:	N/A
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Assessment:

Knowledge:	Multiple choice knowledge test
Application of Knowledge:	Extended writing evaluating the impact of religion on the monarchy between 1133-1689

Supportive Reading:

Any supported reading listed here	