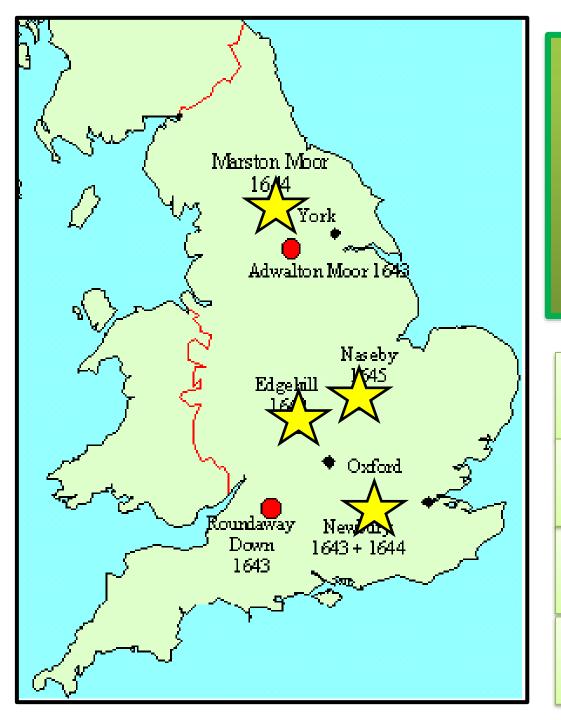
Battles of the English Civil War – our lesson today

Today's BIG question...

Can one battle seal a King's fate?



There were many major battles during the English Civil War - some were so important that they changed the course of the war and the course of history.

The Battle of Edgehill (1642)

The Battle of Newbury (1643)

The Battle of Marston Moor (1644)

The Battle of Naseby (1645)

Edgehill

The numbers:

- October 23rd 1642.
- The Roundhead army had around 12,000 infantry men (musketeers and pikemen), 2,000 men on horses (cavalry) and about 30 cannons (artillery).
- The Cavalier army had around 10,000 men in total (infantry and cavalry) and 20 cannons.

The main players:

King Charles,
Prince Rupert,
Lord Essex,
Sir Faithful Fortesque,
Sir James Ramsey,

Newbury

The numbers:

- •The first battle of Newbury took place September 20th 1643.
- •In total Essex could count on 15,000 men.
- •Fighting went on possibly until 10.00 at night

The main players:

King Charles, Prince Rupert, Lord Essex,

Marston Moor

The numbers:

The Battle of Marston Moor - July 2nd 1644,
•28,000 Roundhead men,
•18,000 Cavalier men,

The main players:

Prince Rupert, Lord John Byron, Oliver Cromwell, Duke of Newcastle,

Naseby

The numbers:

- •The battle was fought on June 14th, 1645.
- •Cavalier army of between 8,000 and 9,000 men.
- •Roundhead army, commanded by Fairfax, of 13,000 men.
 - •The battle started at 10.00am.

The main players:

King Charles,
Sir Thomas Fairfax,
Oliver Cromwell,
Marmaduke Langdale,
Henry Ireton
Prince Rupert,
Prince Maurice,

In the back of your book, draw a table like this:

The Cavalier Army

The Roundhead Army





Think of a few words to describe each of the two armies.

For example: brave, panicked, impatient, organised, foolish, disciplined...

The Roundhead Army

Look at your table - which side do you think was bound to win the English Civil War?

Were they even? Was one side ALWAYS better?

The Battle of Newbury (1643)

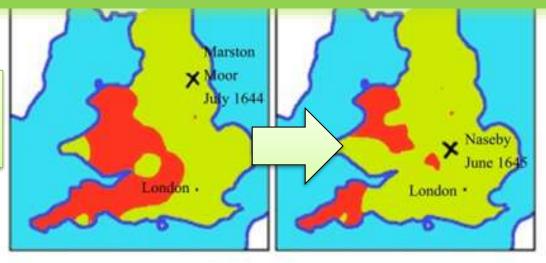
What is the map telling us?

The Battle of Marston Moor (1644)

The Battle

of Edgehill

(1642)

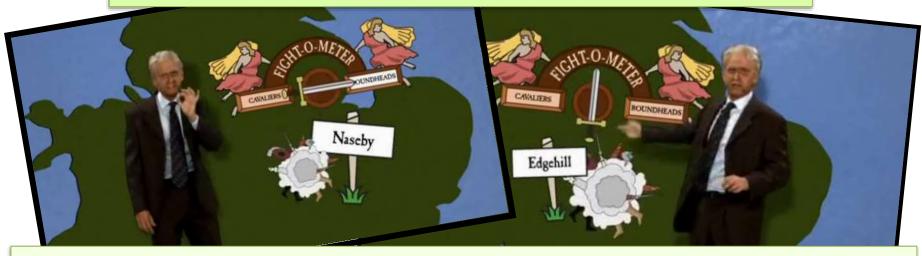


The Battle of Naseby (1645)





The English Civil War lasted from 1642 until 1649. There were many fierce and bloody battles and thousands of men were killed.



The war ended with what many in people in 1642 (the start of the fighting) could never have believed - the trial and execution of King Charles I.

The Battles of the English Civil War our lesson today:

Can we answer today's BIG question?

Can one battle seal a King's fate?