

# Battles That Shaped Britain's History

Teachers' Notes : The Civil War and the Battle of Naseby

*Battles That Shaped Britain's History* is a terms project that looks at key battles over the last 2000 years. This week we are looking at the last big battle between King Charles I and the Parliamentarians led by Fairfax and Cromwell.

1. Look at the time line and where this battle fits in. This period of history occurred during the Time of the Stuarts, 1603 - 1714.
2. There is an information pack of 6 pages about the civil war, why it occurred and the battle of Naseby. There is also information about Cromwell's new model army. These will be needed for the activities below.
3. **First Activity:** The activities pages start with a cloze passage about general information on the civil war. Children can either just fill in the spaces or rewrite the whole passage. They need to read page 1 of the information pack.

**Second Activity:** The second activity is a number of comprehension questions about the various aspects of the civil war and the battle of Naseby. The children need to look at pages 2-6 of the information pack to help them. Scanning skills will be needed.

**Third Activity:** This activity is based on the famous painting by Yeames of a Royalist family being questioned by the enemy. Children have to try to interpret the painting and then write a story around it.

Some internet sites worth looking at are:

[www.britanexpress.com/history/battles](http://www.britanexpress.com/history/battles)  
[www.historyonthenet.com](http://www.historyonthenet.com)  
[www.eyewitnesstohistory.com](http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com)  
[www.history-uk.com](http://www.history-uk.com)  
[www.britishbattles.com](http://www.britishbattles.com)  
[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

## Taking Notes Effectively

**What is the piece of writing about ?**

*Read the introduction and headings.*

*Look at the illustrations, charts and graphs and read the captions.*

**What are the main points or ideas ?**

*Read through carefully thinking about what the main points or ideas are.*

**Make your notes**

*In your own words, summarize the information. Do not copy information directly from the book or internet. If you include a quote that is written in the book, use quotation marks.*