

**KEY STAGE 3 HISTORY**  
**THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR**

*Interactive*



**WORK BOOKLET**

**Why did parliament execute King  
Charles I in 1649?**

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#### Section 1. Causes of the Civil War

**SLIDE 4** Read the learning outcomes.

**Learning outcomes** are what you will *know and be able to do* after the learning activities in this next section.

I have read the learning outcomes

I understand the learning outcomes  I do not understand the learning outcomes

[ASK YOUR TEACHER]

#### WOULD YOU KILL YOUR KING?

Click on the **Information button** and read or listen to the account of the day King Charles I was executed.



#### **The King must die** **Would you kill your king?**

1. Why was there such a large crowd and so many troops?
2. Why was Charles executed in public?
3. Why was the crowd so silent?
4. Why were the executioner and his assistant in disguise?
5. Why did some people dip their handkerchiefs in Charles's blood?

6. Why do you think that people might want to execute the king? Make a list of the reasons.

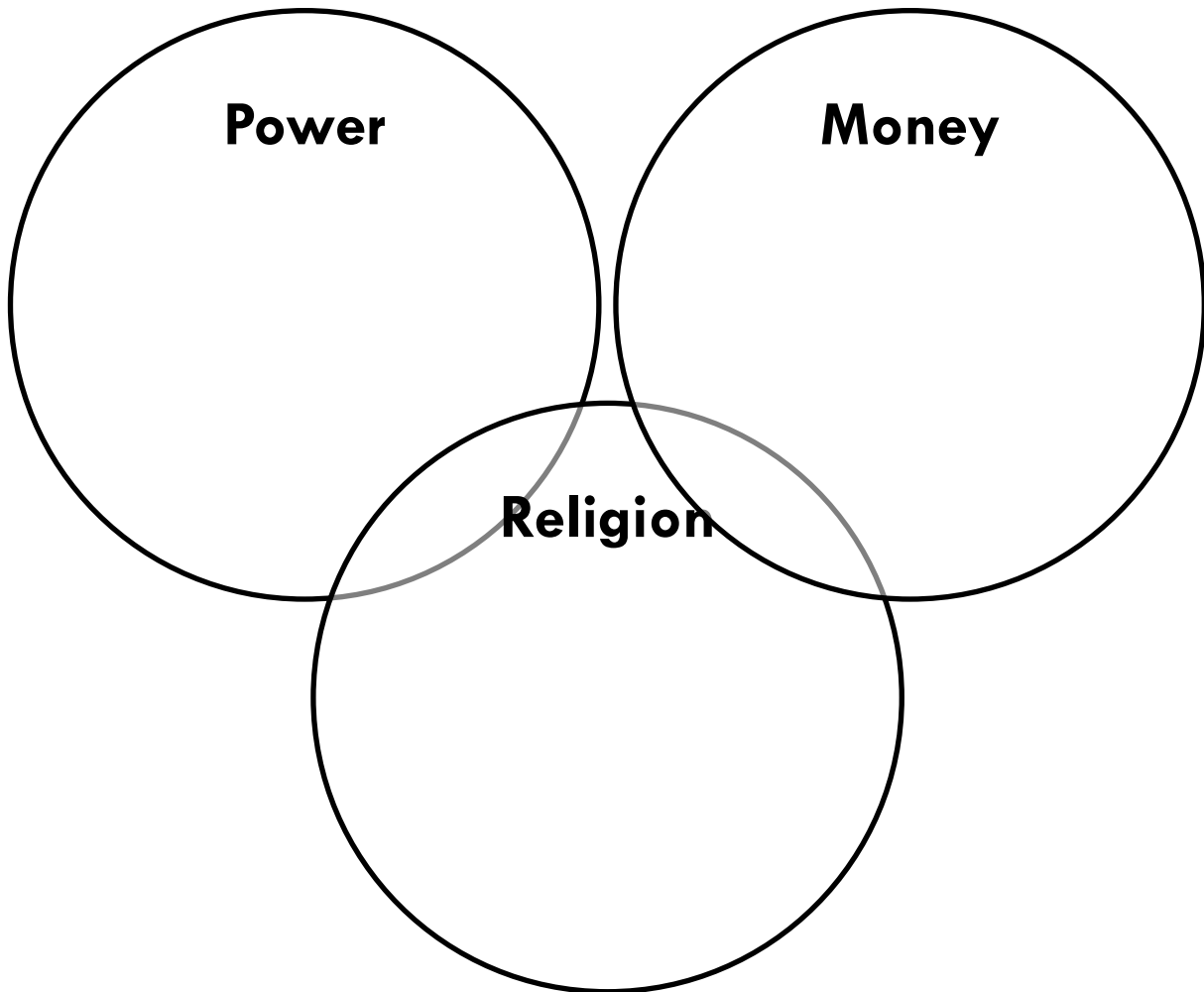
**SLIDE 5**

**WHAT WAS A MONARCH EXPECTED TO DO?**

7. Decide which statements go in the correct circles.

Do not tax his people too much	Protect the country and be successful in war.
Protect the church and religion of the country.	Spend his money wisely.
Work with parliament to pass laws.	Be strong but not abuse his power

**WHAT WAS A MONARCH EXPECTED TO DO?**



## THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

8. Complete the diagram to show how Parliament was organised in the 17th century.

**Parliament was made up of two houses.**



Parliament  
only met when..



Lords

The king needed  
parliament...

If the king needed money...




Parliament provided  
the king...

9. Why would it be difficult for the King to share power with Parliament?

### **Where did it all go wrong? Kings versus Parliament**

10. Complete the boxes below to show the reasons why Stuart monarchs fell out with parliament.

## Where did it all go wrong?

	Name	What went wrong?
	James I	
	Charles I	
	Oliver Cromwell	

### SLIDE 7

## CIVIL WARS IN HISTORY

11. Give the names and dates of civil wars in history.

①	②
③	④

12. Do you know any other civil war?

13. Find out the causes of one of these civil wars.

### SLIDE 8

## KING JAMES I

14. Who was the last Tudor monarch?

15. When did she die?

16. What was the problem when Elizabeth I died?

17. At what age did James I become King of England?

18. How long did the Stuarts rule England?

19. Write a few sentences to describe James' character.
20. What problems did Elizabeth I leave James?
21. James believed in 'divine right'. What does this mean?
22. Why was this attitude likely to lead to a rocky relationship with Parliament?

**Extension work**

Click on the **Advanced button** and answer the task on James I.

**SLIDE 9**

**WHY WAS RELIGION SO IMPORTANT?**

23. What was King James I's religion?
24. Who were the Puritans?
25. Why was King James I determined to stand by the Church of England?
26. Why would Puritans and Catholics not be happy with this?
27. Look at the pictures of a Catholic Church and a Puritan Church. Describe the differences between these two churches.

Inside a Catholic Church	Inside a Protestant Church

28. What did the Catholics want James to do?
29. What did the Puritans want James to do?
30. [i] Explain why the Church really mattered to people at the time?

[ii] The Puritans became strong in Parliament. Why would this be a problem for James I?

## **SLIDES 10-11**

### **THE GUNPOWDER PLOT**

31. Why did the Catholics organise their plot to blow up the King in November 1605?
32. Why were Catholics angry with King James?
33. Why would some of James' ministers have wanted the plot to go ahead?
34. Describe what happened during the Gunpowder Plot and what happened to the main conspirators.
35. How do we remember the gunpowder plot today?

#### **Extension work [Slide 10]**

Click on the **Information button** for a description of hung, drawn, quartered.  
Click on the **Advanced button** and answer the task on Guy Fawkes' confession.

#### **Extension work [Slide 11]**

Click on the **Information button** for more about the rack.  
Click on the **Advanced button** and answer the task on Guy Fawkes' signature.

## **SLIDE 12**

### **MONEY AND PARLIAMENT**

36. Why did King James I fall out with parliament?
37. Why did parliament not like the idea of 'divine right'?

38. Give 2 reasons why King James was short of money.
39. What happened when King James asked parliament to vote him more taxes?
40. Who was the minister who James promoted?
41. Why did this cause a problem?

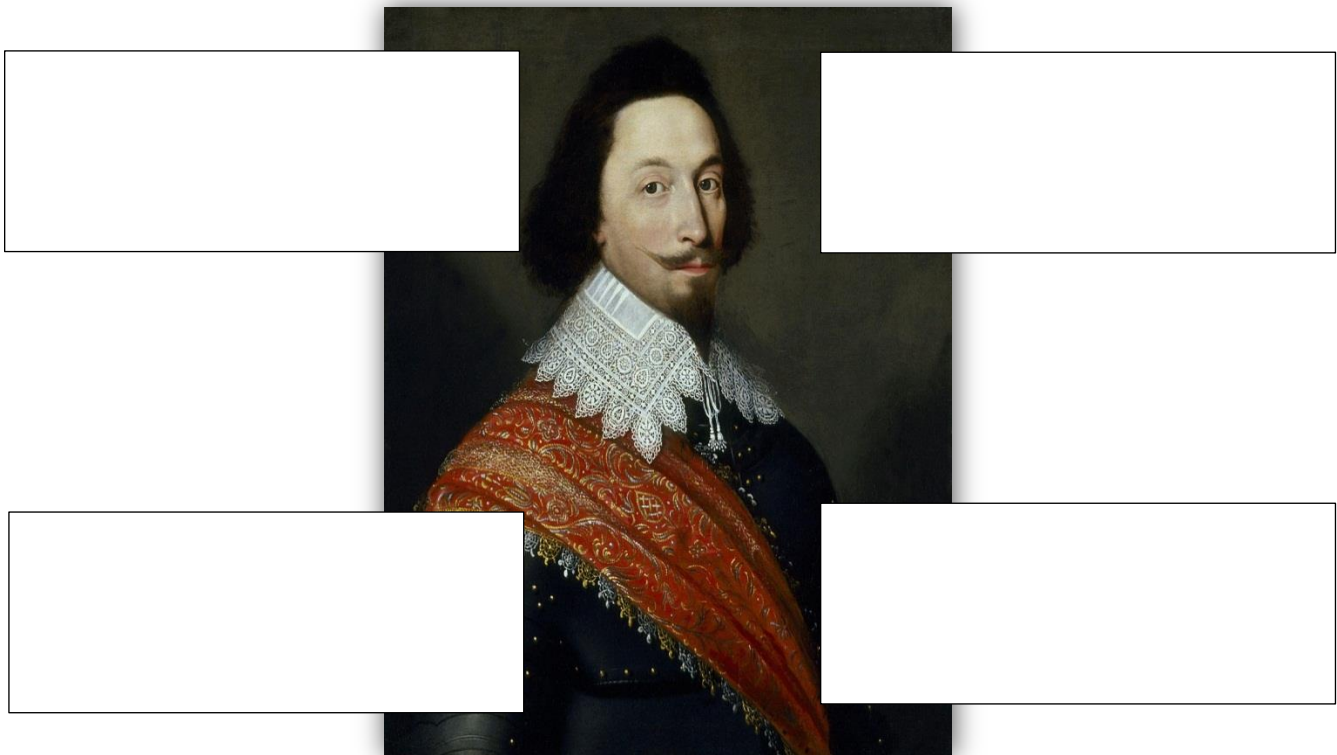
**Extension work**

Click on the **Information button** for details about James I's spending.  
Click on the **Advanced button** for more about 'divine right'.

**SLIDE 13**

**THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM**

42. Who was the Duke of Buckingham?
43. On the diagram below give 4 reasons why Buckingham caused problems for James?





**SLIDE 14****KING CHARLES I**

44. What advice would you give to Charles at the beginning of his reign to help him rule peacefully and successfully? You should include advice on how to handle the three key issues:

**Advice on money:**

**Advice on Religion:**

**Advice on Parliament:**

- 45. When did Charles I become king?
- 46. Who did Charles I marry?
- 47. Why was parliament worried about this?
- 48. Why did parliament want the Duke of Buckingham punished?
- 49. What did Charles I do instead?
- 50. What happened to the Duke of Buckingham in 1628?
- 51. Who became Charles' new advisers?

<b>Charles I and his money problems: Who do you blame?</b>			
<i>King</i>	<i>Parliament</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Neither</i>

**Extension work**

Click on the Information button and read the account of Buckingham's assassination. Click on the Advanced button and answer the task on how Charles I ruled England.

**SLIDE 15****CHARLES I AND HIS MONEY PROBLEMS**

- 52. What was parliament's main duty?
- 53. What were the taxes called that were usually given to a new king at the start of his reign?
- 54. Why did parliament only grant this to Charles I for one year?
- 55. What was the 'Petition of Right' and what did it say?
- 56. Why do you think parliament forced the king to sign it?

57. What did Charles do in 1629?

**SLIDE 16**

**CHARLES RULES WITHOUT PARLIAMENT**

58. What problem did Charles have when he closed down parliament?

59. What was 'Ship Money'?

60. Why did the government make people pay it? [Give 2 reasons]

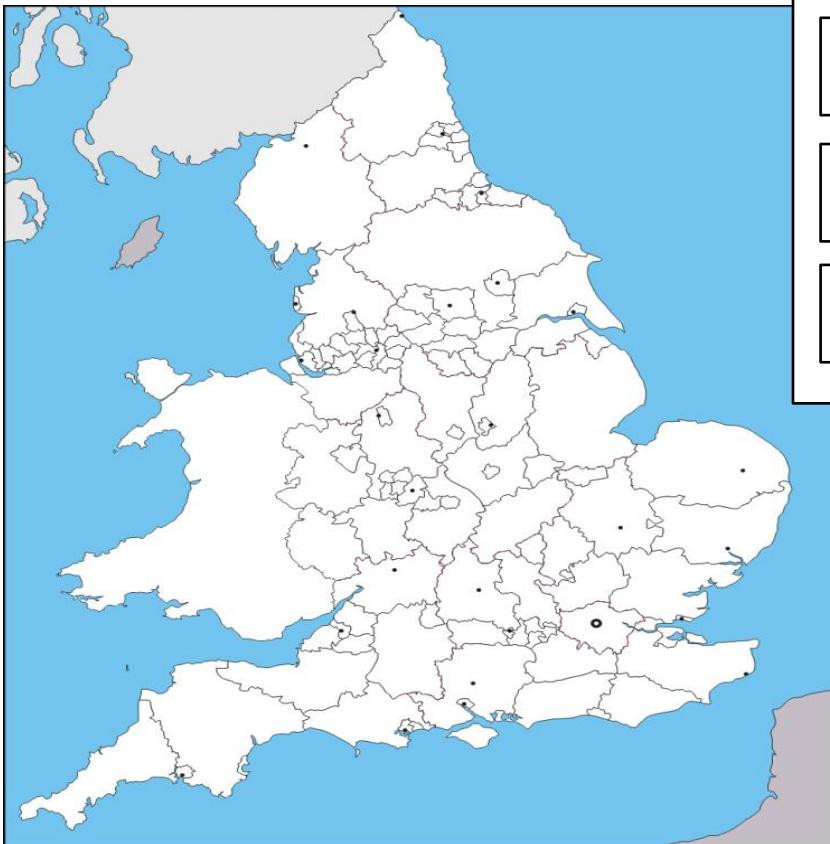
61. When would Ship Money normally be paid and by who?

62. In which year did Charles demand Ship Money from all counties?

63. Why did people complain?

64. Complete the map below to show the changes in who paid Ship Money.

**Title:**



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### Extension work

Click on the [Information button](#) to find out how Charles raised money without parliament.  
Click on the [Advanced button](#) and answer the task on Ship Money.

### **SLIDE 17**

## **JOHN HAMPDEN AND SHIP MONEY**

65. [i] What happened to people who refused to pay Ship Money?

[ii] Who was John Hampden and what happened to him?

66. Raising funds through Ship Money was a good thing for Charles because...

[Give 3 reasons]

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However, it probably worked against him because... [Give 2 reasons]

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### Extension work

Click on the [Information button](#) to see a picture of the John Hampden statue.  
Click on the [Advanced button](#) for arguments for and against Ship Money.

### **SLIDE 18**

## **CHARLES I AND THE CHURCH**

67. Who was William Laud?

68. What changes did Laud make to the Church of England?

69. Why were Puritans not happy with this?

70. What did Charles do in 1637?

71. What problem did it cause?

72. Why would people think that Charles' wife had something to do with the changes made to the Church?

73. Why did Charles send an army to Scotland and what happened?

## Charles I and the Church: Who do you blame?

King	Parliament	Both	Neither

### Extension work

Click on the [Information button](#) for details on the treatment of Puritans.

Click on the [Advanced button](#) and answer the tasks on William Laud.

### **SLIDE 19**

## **SCOTLAND 1637**

74. Describe what is happening in this picture.

*The Arch-Prelate of S<sup>t</sup> Andrewes in Scotland reading the new Service-booke in his pontificalibus assaulted by men & Women, with Cricketts, Stooler Sticks and Stones.*



75. Is this source made by supporters or opponents of Charles I's religious policies? Explain your answer.

### **SLIDE 20**

## **CHARLES I CALLS PARLIAMENT**

76. Why was Charles forced to call parliament? [Mentions: the Scots and money]

77. Why was parliament angry with Charles?

78. How did parliament want to punish Charles?

79. Which of Charles I's advisers were arrested by parliament?

### Extension work

Click on the [Information button](#) to find out about the laws passed by parliament.

**SLIDE 21****THE LONG PARLIAMENT**

80. Who was John Pym?
81. Why do you think that the Earl of Strafford was not given a fair trial?
82. Study the picture of the Earl of Strafford's execution. How did you know that the execution was a major event at the time?

<b>Execution of Strafford: Who do you blame?</b>			
<i>King</i>	<i>Parliament</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Neither</i>

**Extension work**

Click on the **Information button** to find out about execution methods.

**SLIDE 22****PROBLEMS IN IRELAND**

83. Why was there a rebellion in Ireland?
84. Why did the execution of the Earl of Strafford lead to a Catholic rebellion in Ireland?
85. How many Protestants were claimed to have been killed?
86. Why might some people have accused Charles of starting the rebellion?
87. Why did parliament not want Charles to control the army?

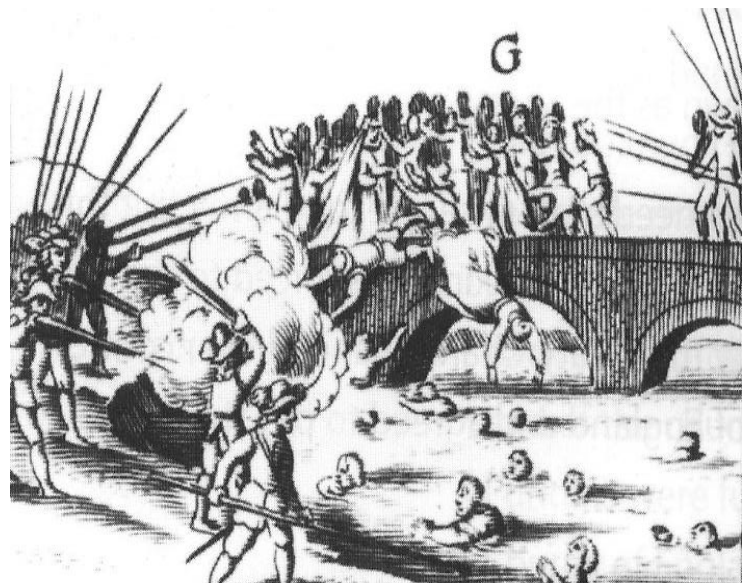
88. What does this picture show about the Irish actions?

89. Does this picture prove that Irish were murdering English Protestants in Ireland?

90. Why do you think people in England believed rumours and pictures like these?

91. Do you believe what you see in the picture?

Yes because...



No because...

92. Why do you think this picture was drawn?

<b>The Irish Rebellion: Who do you blame?</b>			
<i>King</i>	<i>Parliament</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Neither</i>

**SLIDE 23**

**CHARLES TRIES TO ARREST 5 MPs**

93. What did parliament do that made Charles really angry?

94. Charles marched to parliament with 400 soldiers, what did he try to do?

95. Why did his plan go wrong?

96. Why was this a disaster for Charles?

<b>Arrest of 5 MPs: Who do you blame?</b>			
<i>King</i>	<i>Parliament</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Neither</i>

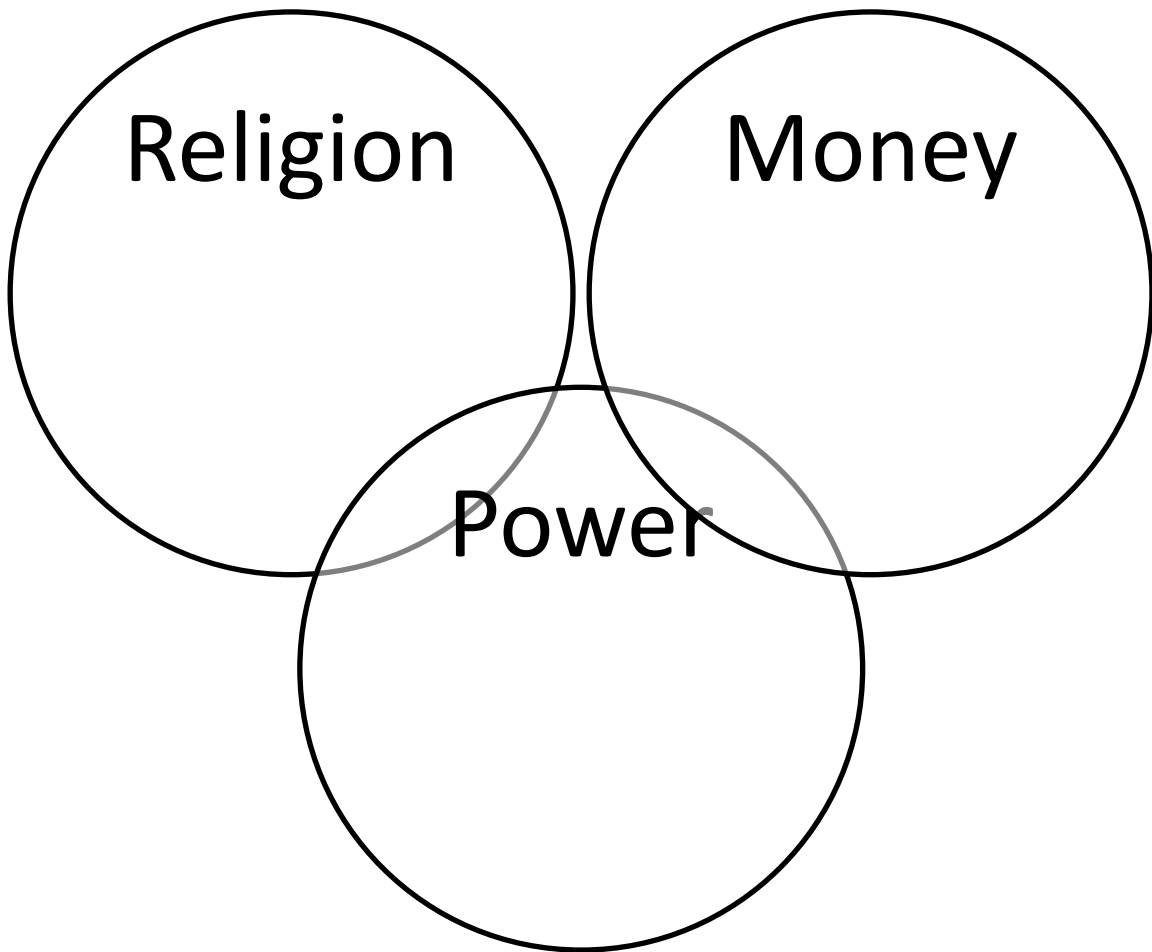
**SLIDE 24**

**WHAT CAUSES THE CIVIL WAR?**

97. Which event on the road to war do you think was the most important? Say why.

98. Which event 1641-42 do you think did the most to spark off the war?

99. On the diagram below decide which events are linked to **Religion, Money, Power**.



100. Who was to blame for the Civil War: *Charles I or Parliament?* Working with a partner choose whether your pair is going to be on the King's side or Parliament's side. Charles was to blame for the Civil War because...

Parliament was to blame for the Civil War because...

Nobody can be blamed for the Civil War because...

**Now do test 1.** Write your score here

Click on the [Homework button](#) and choose a task.

### Extension work

Click on the [Information button](#) for views on who was to blame for the war.

Click on the [Advanced button](#) and answer the tasks on the steps to war.