


The Stuarts

- In 1603, Queen Elizabeth I died. She never married and didn't have an heir.
 - James I became king. His mother was killed by Elizabeth I.
 - The gunpowder plot was an attempt by Catholics, who were disappointed in James I and his government, to kill the King.
 - Robert Catesby was in charge of the gunpowder plot, not Guy Fawkes.
 - Guy Fawkes' job was to guard the 36 barrels of gunpowder which was hidden in the basement underneath the House of Lords.
 - The gunpowder plot was stopped because Lord Monteagle was given a letter telling him to stay away from Parliament on the 5th November.
 - Catholics refused to attend Protestant church services, for which they were fined or arrested
 - The civil war dated from 1642—1651.
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- Charles I decided to rule without consulting Parliament and taxed people to get funds to fight foreign wars, which made him unpopular.
 - Civil war broke out between the Roundheads (supporters of Parliament) and the Cavaliers (supporters of the King).
 - King Charles I gave himself up. He was put on trial and finally put to death by Oliver Cromwell (commander of the Cavaliers).
 - The country was then run by Parliament. In 1660 the restoration happened and Charles II became king.

Key words

- Parliament— organisation who make the laws of the land.
- Catholic— a strand of the Christian church who follow the teachings and leadership of the Pope.
- Protestant— a strand of the Christian Church who separated themselves from the Roman Catholic Pope.