

## Reasons why Parliament won the English Civil War: **Individuals, Religious, Financial, Geographical**

<p>The New Model Army was introduced in 1644. This meant that Parliament had one single cohesive and highly organised army. It became an efficient fighting force and won important battles. By contrast the Royalists' army was more focused on looting than battle tactics.</p>	<p>Parliament had support of London and the wealthy areas of England. Parliament also controlled the best agricultural areas in England.</p>	<p>Parliament had a geographical advantage over the crown because they controlled the main ports and had support from the navy.</p>
<p>Parliament raised money effectively through taxes and <b>tonnage</b> and <b>poundage</b> from ports whereas the King relied on irregular monetary gifts from the gentry.</p> <p>Key words:  Tonnage = weight of a ships load/ cargo  Poundage = a payment</p>	<p>Both sides sought military aid from Scotland. The Scots were opposed to the King because he attempted to implement a new prayer book in Scotland, therefore they sided with Parliament.</p>	<p>Parliament set up the <b>Army of Eastern Association</b> led to the emergence of Oliver Cromwell who was a skillful leader.</p> <p>Key word:  Army of Eastern Association = an organisation set up by Parliament to provide an organised army</p>
<p>The introduction of the Self Denying Ordinance meant that Parliament's army could not be commanded by MPs but only by military personnel.</p>	<p>The majority of England's weapons were stored in London. Parliament controlled London.</p>	<p>The soldiers in the New Model Army received regular pay and were promoted based on merit. The Royalists did not receive proper pay.</p>