

Word on the Street

English History

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch Amandeep's documentary about a society for people who are interested in the English Civil War (1642–1651) between the Royalists and the Parliamentarians. Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- _____ supported King Charles I.
 - The Royalists
 - The Parliamentarians
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- Stephen Burden plays the part of a _____ officer.
 - royalist
 - parliamentarian
- Amandeep becomes a soldier for the _____ army.
 - royalist
 - parliamentarian
- _____ won the Battle of Corfe Castle.
 - The Royalists
 - The Parliamentarians

5. _____ won the English Civil War.

- The Royalists
- The Parliamentarians

Activity 2

Watch Amandeep's interviews with members of the English Civil War Society again. Complete the interviews with the correct words.

Amandeep: But why do these members of the English Civil War Society come here?

First member: Meeting up with _____, having a _____, and visiting places that probably I wouldn't go to normally.

Second member: Bringing history to life for the _____.

Third member: Well, I come as part of a family. We've got _____ children and they love the whole atmosphere.

Amandeep: Stephen, tell me a little bit about what you're wearing today.

Stephen: My clothes show that I'm a gentleman because they're very high-status. I wear _____ to protect my hands and I'm also carrying many weapons. I've got my _____ here, I have my _____ and if all else fails I have a _____ to finish people off with. And also we have various things as you can see in here: real coins of the period. Do have a look at one.

Activity 3

Use the correct expressions to complete the information about the English Civil War.

war / fighting for / fighting against / in charge / supporters / throne / on English soil / won / throne / lost / regained / lost

The English Civil War was the last _____ to be fought _____. King Charles I was _____ his _____. His _____ were called the Royalists. They were _____ the Parliamentarians, who didn't want the King to be _____. And who _____?

The Royalists _____ the war and the King _____ his head – literally. Eleven years later, his son _____ the _____ and Britain has had a royal family ever since.

Discussion

- What are the important historic events in your country?
- Do people re-enact historic events where you live? What kinds of events?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Answers

Activity 1

Correct answers: 1. a) The Royalists; 2. a) royalist; 3. a) royalist; 4. b) The Parliamentarians; 5. b) The Parliamentarians

Activity 2

Amandeep: But why do these members of the English Civil War Society come here?

First member: Meeting up with old friends, having a good time, and visiting places that probably I wouldn't go to normally.

Second member: Bringing history to life for the general public.

Third member: Well, I come as part of a family. We've got three young / 3 young children and they love the whole atmosphere.

Amandeep: Stephen, tell me a little bit about what you're wearing today.

Stephen: My clothes show that I'm a gentleman because they're very high-status. I wear gloves to protect my hands and I'm also carrying many weapons. I've got my sword here, I have my pistol and if all else fails I have a dagger to finish people off with. And also we have various things as you can see in here: real coins of the period. Do have a look at one.

Activity 3

The English Civil War was the last war to be fought on English soil. King Charles I was fighting for his throne. His supporters were called the Royalists. They were fighting against the Parliamentarians, who didn't want the King to be in charge. And who won?

The Royalists lost the war and the King lost his head – literally. Eleven years later, his son regained the throne and Britain has had a royal family ever since.