

Year 8 Knowledge Organiser 1: The Stuart Age

Key Events

1	1603	Elizabeth I dies, James VI of Scotland becomes James I of England
2	1605	Gunpowder Plot – Catholic plan to blow up Parliament and King James.
3	1625	James I dies - his oldest son Charles becomes King Charles I.
4	1629	The Personal Rule of Charles I starts - he closes down Parliament for 11 years.
5	1640	The Personal Rule comes to an end – Parliament is reopened
6	1642	The English Civil War starts
7	1649	Execution of Charles I
8	1653	Oliver Cromwell is made Lord Protector of England.
9	1660	Restoration of the Monarchy – Charles II becomes King
10	1665	The Great Plague of London

Key People



James I

James was both King of England and Scotland, and joined the two nations together. He was the target of the Gunpowder Plotters. He believed in the Divine Right of Kings, the belief that God gave King's their power, and therefore could not be argued with by anyone.



Charles I

The eldest son on James I, Charles also believed in the Divine Right of Kings. This led to arguments with Parliament, which in the end led to the English Civil War. Charles eventually loses, and is the only King to be put on trial and executed by the country.



Oliver Cromwell

Oliver Cromwell was an MP, who rose to fame due to New Model Army in the English Civil War. After the war, he was one of the MP's who signed Charles I death warrant. He later became Lord Protector of England, leader of England until his death in 1658.



Charles II

Charles II, son of Charles I, was in hiding in France after his father was beheaded. When Oliver Cromwell died he started to plan his return. In 1660, he successfully landed and paraded through London to cheering crowds. Often called "The Merry Monarch"

Key Words

11	Divine Right of Kings	Belief that Kings power came from God and therefore nobody could defy them
12	Treason	The crime of acting to overthrow the government or harm/kill the monarch
13	Monarch	Sovereign head of state – usually a King or Queen
14	Parliament	Body of chosen representatives that run Great Britain
15	Regicide	The act of killing a monarch
16	Dragoon	Cavalry soldier who fought on foot
17	Cavalry	Soldier who rides a horse into battle
18	Pike-men	Soldiers who carried long 10ft spears called pikes
19	Government	The people that rules the country or place
20	Puritan	Very strict Protestants
21	Musketeers	Soldiers who fought with muskets (early form of rifles)
22	New Model Army	New type of army created by Parliament
23	Lord Protector	Title given to Oliver Cromwell
24	Restoration	The return of monarchs to the throne of England
25	Cavaliers	Nickname given to supporters of Charles
26	Roundheads	Nickname given to supporters of Parliament
27	Ship Money	An emergency tax on England, taken advantage of by Charles I