

Seventeenth Century England

- 1599 birth of Oliver Cromwell at Huntingdon (Cambridgeshire)
- 1603 death of Queen Eliz I
- 1616 Cromwell at Sussex College Cambridge
- 1625 death of King James I, new king Charles I
- 1626 elect new Parliament, trouble with Charles, John Elyot leader
- 1628 elect new Parliament: passes Petition of Right
- 1628 Cromwell elected to Parliament from Huntingdon
- 1629 dissolution of Parliament by King Charles I (Personal Rule)
- 1629 ARREST 9 MPs (John Elyot dies in the tower.....this changed everything)
- 1633 King Charles appoints Archbishop William Laud (a disastrous appointment)
- 1637 try to impose new Prayer Book on Scotland (Laud), initiates wars
Scottish wars force the king to turn to Parliament
- 1640 April: Short Parliament (Cromwell MP from Cambridge)
- 1640 Nov: Long Parliament (Cromwell MP from Cambridge)
- 1641 "Grand Remonstrance" lists all that has happened betw king and parliament
- 1641 (May 12) Execution of Earl of Stratford (Parliament's pound of flesh)
- 1642 King attempts arrest MPs, they escape
- 1642 (Oct) Battle of Edgehill, beginning of the Civil Wars
- 1643 (Sept) Parliament in league with the Scots (covenant)
- 1644 Cromwell Lt General of Parliamentary forces, emerges military leader.
- 1644 (Jul) Battle of Marston Moor
- 1644 (Oct) Battle of Newbury
- 1645 execution of Archbishop Laud
- 1645 (Jun) Battle of Naseby
- 1646 (Apr) King escapes to the Scots
- 1646 surrender at Oxford
- 1647 (Aug) Army marches into London.
- 1647 King flees to Isle of Wight
- 1648 (Apr) Civil War breaks out again, Cromwell to Wales
- 1648 (Jul) siege of Pembroke Castle
- 1648 (Aug 17) Battle of Preston
- 1648 (Dec) Pride's purge of the House of Commons (Army vs. Parliament)
- 1649 (Jan) trial of King Charles I
- 1649 (Jan 30) execution of King Charles I
- 1649 Cromwell in Ireland subduing Royalist resistance
- 1650 Cromwell in Scotland subduing the Scots
- 1653 dissolution of the Rump Parliament (remaining from Long Parliament)
- 1653 new Parliament called Barebones (nominated parliament)
- 1655 dissolution of the first Protectorate Parliament
- 1656 Second Protectorate Parliament
- 1657 offer of Kingship to Cromwell, he rejects
(Jun) installed as "Lord Protector"
- 1658 (Sep 3) death of Oliver Cromwell
- 1660 (May) mission from new Parliament(pro-royalist)goes Holland
(May 29, 1660) Charles II enters London