

A-Level History, HIS1D: Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy 1603-1702
Absolutism Challenged: Britain 1603-49
Section 2: Revolution 1629-1649. Part 1: 1629-1642

KEY TOPIC AREAS 1629-42:

Divisions over Religion: Arminianism and Laudianism; Puritanism, and Millenarianism

- Arminianism and Laudianism
- Puritanism
- The emergence of Millenarianism

Political divisions in Personal rule: Finance

- Fiscal policy used in Personal rule
- The opposition that it caused

Political divisions in Personal rule: Scotland

- Policies in Scotland
- The Crisis of 1637-42
- The extent of Opposition

Political divisions in Personal rule: Ireland

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KEY TOPIC AREAS 1629-42:

Political divisions in Personal rule: Short Parliament

- The Short Parliament
- Continued Opposition in 1640

Political divisions

- The Long Parliament.
- The leadership and importance of John Pym.

Causes of the English Civil War

- Events culminating in the outbreak of the Civil War.

KEY WORDS

Articles of Perth: had been forced through the Scottish Kirk in 1618. They were a set of commands outlining religious practices. To Presbyterians, the commands seemed like Catholicism

Bill of Attainder: medieval method which allowed anyone who was seen as a threat to the state to be removed by Parliament without formal trial

Book of Sports: originally produced by James in 1618. Produced to counter pressure on Puritan-dominated areas not to participate in fun activities on a Sunday

Canons: Church laws

Court of High Commission: chief court of the Church – used by Laud to enforce conformity

Court of Star Chamber: a prerogative court made up of privy councillors selected by the monarch

Episcopacy: the government of a church by bishops (Church of England)

Feoffees for Impropriations: an organisation, mainly of Puritans, which from 1626 raised money to control the appointment of clergy to parishes in order to establish Puritan preachers.

Fiscal Feudalism: prerogative forms of income used by Charles during the Personal Rule – derived from the feudal system

Laudianism: the term used to describe Arminianism in this period as it was led by William Laud as Archbishop of Canterbury

London Crowd: negative term given to Londoners who participated in politics and supported parliamentary causes

Millenarianism: the belief that the end of the world – Judgement Day – was coming soon. This came from the Book of Daniel and Book of Revelation in the Bible

Personal Rule: the Period from 1629 to 1640 when Charles ruled without parliament. This was allowed by his Royal Prerogative

Pym's Junto: term used for the idea that Pym and his allies had become the new ruling power through their control of Parliament

Ship Money: a prerogative form of income levied in times of emergency to fund the navy

Scottish National Covenant: document drawn up by Scottish rebels opposing Charles' religious policy. Those who signed up were known as 'Covenanters'

Thorough: Charles' attempt to make government more efficient - Ireland

KEY INDIVIDUALS

Charles Stuart: ruled as Charles I 1625-1649

William Laud: a key Arminian cleric who became the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1633 and made changes to the Anglican Church

Henrietta Maria: Catholic wife of Charles I, she aroused suspicion of a Catholic conversion of the King and the court

Thomas Wentworth: (Strafford) Lord Deputy of Ireland – responsible for implementing Charles' policies

John Williams/ Prynne, Burton and Bastwick/ John Lilburne: Puritan opponents of Laudian reforms

John Pym: emerged as a leading figure in the Commons in 1640 and a chief opponent of Charles

John Hampden: a prominent member of the gentry who was taken to court by Charles for his refusal to pay Ship money

Francis Russell (Earl Of Bedford): moderate politician who tried to reform crown finances, he was seen as a link between the King and Parliament

PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE ADVICE

P – Point: State the point/argument that you want to make

E – Evidence: provide specific evidence to support the point that you have made

E – Explain: Give the reason why your choice of evidence explains /supports your plan
Using the connectives will help you to produce better paragraphs as well.

D – Develop: Explain how your idea compares to others, draw in a counter-argument

Exam Question Command Words:

- **Assess** - evaluate or estimate the nature, ability, or quality of.
- **Extract** - a short passage taken from a text, film, or piece of music
- **Historical context** - the historical events, or the climate of opinion, that surround the issue at hand
- **To what extent** - essentially this is asking "How far do you agree"
- **Validity** - (of an argument or point) having a sound basis in logic or fact; is it reasonable or correct? Simply put, is it valid?

KEY EVENTS 1629-1642

- 1629:** Treaty of Susa ends war with France
- 1630:** Treaty of Madrid ends war with Spain
- 1631:** Book of Orders issued
- 1633:** Laud made Archbishop of Canterbury
Histrio-Matrix published
Book of Sports reissued
St Gregory's Case
Feoffees for Improvements banned
Charles visits Scotland
- 1634:** Ship Money levied on coastal towns
- 1635:** Extension of Ship Money as a national rate
William Juxon, appointed as Lord Treasurer
- 1636:** New canons imposed on Scotland
- 1637:** New Laudian prayer book imposed in Scotland
Outbreak of Scottish Rebellion
Trial of Prynne, Burton and Bastwick
- 1638:** Hampden's Case ends
Scottish National Covenant
- 1639:** Growing resistance to Ship Money
First Bishops' War ends in Treaty of Berwick
- 1640:** Charles recalls Strafford (advises calling Parliament)
Parliament recalled
Treaty of Ripon
Root and Branch Petition
- 1641:** Triennial Act
Army Plot and Protestation Oath
Trial and execution of Wentworth
Irish Rebellion
Grand Remonstrance
- 1642:** Five Members Incident
Militia Ordinance/Commissions of Array
Nineteen Propositions
Outbreak of Civil War in England

KEY EVENTS 1625 – 29

- 1625** Charles crowned King
Charles' First Parliament
Charles marries Henrietta Maria of France
Buckingham's unsuccessful expedition to Cadiz
- 1626** **Charles' Second Parliament**
Forced Loan
York House Conference
- 1627** Charles declares war on France
Five Knights' Case
Buckingham's failed La Rochelle expedition
- 1628** Assassination of Buckingham
Petition of Right
William Laud appointed Bishop of London
- 1629** Treaty of Susa ends war with France
Three Resolutions – Personal Rule

Example essay question:

The next 2 questions are essays and you choose 2 from 3 possible questions. They are worth 25 marks each. You should spend around 45 minutes on each question. Here is an example:

'Charles I addressed the financial problems of the crown, between 1625-1640, much better than James I did between 1603-1625.'

Assess the validity of this view.



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Example Question 1:

This will always be based on 3 interpretations and will be worth 30 marks. You should spend about 60 minutes on this type of question. You have to answer question 1!

1. Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the views are in these three extracts in relation to Charles I.

Example extract (there will be 3 like this):

Extract A

Charles I was a shy man of few words, possibly as a result of a speech defect. His contemporaries found that he was unapproachable and, what was worst, uncommunicative, especially in parliament, where his intentions and his actions often went unexplained, leaving others free to interpret them to his disadvantage. Charles also showed that he possessed none of his father's political shrewdness or flexibility. He did not appear to know the meaning of the word compromise and often adopted extreme positions. He seemed unable to understand viewpoints that differed from his own, he interpreted the slightest hint of criticism of him as sedition and in dealing with opponents he was not above using very dishonest and illegal tactics. Charles' court came increasingly to represent a narrowing range of interests. This was partly as a result of Charles' introverted character and partly of his love for order and decorum. Charles I was the most inept monarch.

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