

By divine right?

Teacher notes

Length: 2.75 hours

Time: 10.30-13.15

Meeting point:

Please meet your session presenter at the entrance to the **Banqueting House**. Please arrive at least 5 minutes before your session is due to begin.

Session objectives:

The Banqueting House was the location where Charles I was executed in 1649. The session will contain two parts:

1: Students will discover the causes and events of the civil wars in Britain and learn why the British people chose to execute their king. Students will meet a costumed interpreter in the person of Charles I and have the chance to interrogate him.

2: A teacher- and student-led tour of Whitehall Palace which enables students to investigate the changing nature of political power in the late seventeenth century by finding traces of the lost Palace of Whitehall.

If you have 35 students or fewer, your timetable will be:

Time	Activity
10.30	The Trial of Charles I
11.45	Break
12.00	Whitehall Palace trail
13.15	End of session

If you have 36-70 students your timetable will be:

Time	Activity
10.30	Group A: The Trial of Charles I Group B: Whitehall Palace trail
11.45	Break to swap over groups
12.00	Group A: Whitehall palace trail Group B: The Trial of Charles I
13.15	End of session



New National Curriculum links at KS3:

Students will:

- Develop and extend their knowledge and understanding of: specified key events periods and societies in the history of their locality, and in Britain
- Understand, analyse and make valid historical claims from:
 - A range of source material, including written historical sources whose precise provenance is given, as part of an historical enquiry
 - A range of representations and interpretations of the past as part of an historical enquiry
- Understand historical concepts of continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity and difference, and significance by making connections, drawing contrasts, analysing trends and framing historical questions



Subject content:

- The development of Church, state and society in Britain 1509-1745
 - The causes and events of the civil wars throughout Britain
 - The Interregnum
 - The Restoration, 'Glorious Revolution' and power of parliament

During your session:

Please note that the 1:10 staff to pupil ratio which we ask for throughout your visit to the Banqueting House still applies during your teaching session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities.

Our workshops are for a health and safety maximum of x35 pupils in 2 groups. For your information this session will take place within Banqueting House and will also go out into the streets of Westminster as part of a trail. **Please ensure that your pupils are appropriately dressed for varying weather conditions.**

