

# By Divine Right

## Teacher notes

**Duration:** 60 minutes

**Meeting Point:** Banqueting House main Entrance

A temporal or an eternal crown? The Banqueting House has stood for over 400 years; it is the last remaining part of Whitehall Palace, and was built as a reminder of the monarch's divine right to rule. In the role of jury, students will evaluate the evidence and make the ultimate judgement - is the king guilty? In the location where Charles I spent his final minutes, students will face the very decision that tore apart Stuart England.

### Learning Objectives

**Students will:**

- Draw their own conclusions on a major historical event through enquiry and exploration of different types of evidence.
- Investigate how bias and personal belief lead to different interpretations of evidence in both past and present views of Charles I.

### National Curriculum links

**This session supports:**

- The development of Church, state and society in Britain 1509-1745.
- Understanding how different types of historical sources are used rigorously to make historical claims and discern how and why contrasting arguments and interpretations of the past.
- Understanding historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, and using them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends, frame historically-valid questions.

### During your session:

Please note that the 1:10 staff to pupil ratio which we ask for throughout your visit still applies during your learning session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities. For Health & Safety reason, our sessions are for a maximum of 35 pupils.

The session your group has booked with us takes place on the visitor route at the Banqueting House.

Please meet your workshop presenter in the main entrance of the Banqueting House.

