Main Factors that lead to the English Civil War

The main cause of the English Civil War was Charles I’s struggle with parliament. Each side believed that it had the right to more control and compromise did not happen due to four main factors; growing powers of parliament, money, religion, and the behaviour of the king.

England’s parliament had roots in the Anglo-Saxon times and its original purpose was to advise the king; it had little official power. That all changed in 1215 with the creation of the **Magna Carta.** Kings now had to obey the rules and laws of the land, like everyone else.

By 1642, King Charles had raised the royal flag and began to rally his followers. It was clear the king was preparing to make war on parliament.

**1. Definitions – Read pages 133-138**

**a) Civil War**

**b) Seditious libel**

**c) Petition of Right**

**d) Court of Star Chamber**

**2. Read the section on England’s Parliament p. 133.**

a) Describe the details the Magna Carta and its rights.

b) Why do you think this document was so important?

c) How did this led to conflict with the kings?

c) Fill in this graphic organizer of 17th century England’s parliament. Include the responsibilities of each house.

Parliament

3. Read pages 134 to

**3. Make notes on the 3 other main factors that led to Civil War in England and why this was a struggle between the King vs Parliament.**

a) Controlling the Money

b) Religious Troubles

c) The Problem of the King

**4. With your A/B partner, read *Exploring Sources* on page 136 and *The Petition of Right (1628).***

a) What was parliament’s complaint against Charles?

b) How did parliament use Magna Carta to support its complaint?