

Background to the British Civil Wars

Source-Based Activities

Activity 2: The importance of religion in the 17th Century



Source 2: Frontispiece of a 17th Century Bible

The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ : Newly translated out of the originall Greeke: and with the former translations dilligently compared and revised, by his Maiesties speciall commandment, 1623.

17th C. Coll. 220.52 NEW, Seventeenth Century Collection, Newcastle University Special Collections, GB 186.

Look carefully at the illustration above.

- 1) What language was the New Testament originally written in?
- 2) When was this English translation made and printed?
- 3) Who asked for this to be done?
- 4) Who are the people illustrated on the frontispiece?
- 5) Where was it printed?
- 6) What does this suggest about the importance of religion in England in the 17th century?

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