

Battles and Sieges of the English Civil War

Source-Based Activities

Activity 1: The Battle of Edgehill, 1642



Source 1: An image from a book published in 1648. It shows the Battle of Edgehill, 1642 which was the first battle of the English Civil War.

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The text above the illustration says:

At Edge Hill 16 peeces of canon shot against E of Essex Liffeegard and not one man hurte and those 80 brek upon 1000 of the Kings, 4 of ye: Parlia reg ran away and 16 troops of horse so we were 6000 and they 18000, yet we took ye standard and Clefted Sir Ed Varney Standard bearer in the head and slew the Lord Lindsay general of the Field.

Study Source 1 carefully and read the text.

- 1) Write down 3 things you can see in the image.
- 2) The text says that 4 of the Parliamentary regiments ran away. Can you see them in this image? Which side of the image are they on (left or right?)
- 3) Who was commanding the Parliamentary forces at the Battle of Edgehill? Which Royalists are mentioned?
- 4) A standard bearer is someone who carries the flag for their side. What happened to the Royalist standard bearer Sir Edmund Verney?
- 5) Who do you think this source was created by – a Royalist or a Parliamentarian? How did your work this out?

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