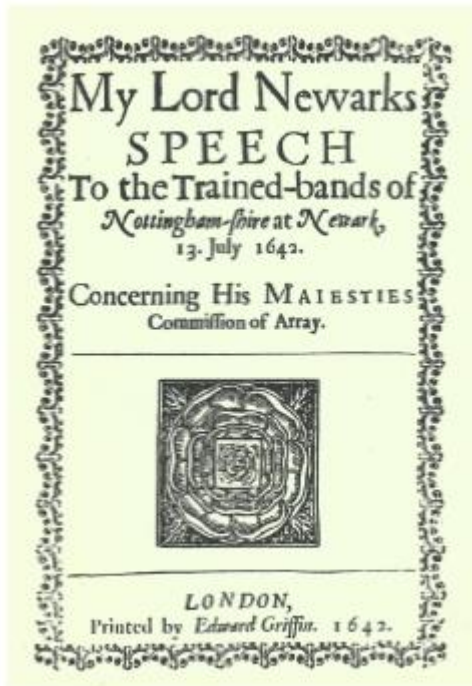


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## Source-Based Activities

### Activity 1: Rousing the Roylaists



**Background:** Below is an extract from a speech made by Henry Pierrepont, Lord Newark, to the Newark 'Trained Bands'. The Trained Bands were local men. They were supposed to meet regularly to practise using weapons so that they were ready to fight in a war. In fact, they were often poorly trained and equipped. This local militia was the only army available at the beginning of the war.

**Source 1a: Title page of Lord Newark's speech to the Nottinghamshire militia, 1642**

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Read the extract from Lord Newark's speech overleaf and answer the following questions:

1. Who is Lord Newark making this speech to?
2. What is he asking them to do?
3. Why did Lord Newark need to drum up Royalist support at this time?
4. How does Lord Newark try to convince his audience to support the King?
5. What does Lord Newark say the men might be worried about? How does he try to reassure them about this?
5. Would this speech make you want to fight for the King? Why or why not?

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*Gentlemen and all my good Countrymen. These Noble Gentlemen and myself have as directed by virtue of His Majesty's Commission of Array called you together to acquaint you with the grounds and reasons (of why we are here). These include the defence of His most sacred Person (the King), (as well as) the defence of your Liberty, Laws, Religion, and the just privileges of both Houses of Parliament.*

*The (intent) of this Commission and all of his Majesty's actions and endeavours are that they should be carried out in the correct manner (they tend hither as to their proper Centre and place of rest). I know you (readily) believe me and those of you who have so often listened to his Majesty's words, and his solemn and frequent declarations (protestations) on this topic (as well as understanding that is Majesty's words are as Sacred as is his person) can have little doubt about these intentions; (so) what then are His Solemn Protestations (declarations)?*

*I hope, as also I am sure your Majesty most heartily wishes, that this is the furthest that you need to journey and that you need not travel to other Countries [counties] but if an urgent or necessary occasion arises that requires you do to travel further afield, I will accompany you and ensure that none of you shall face any hazard that I will not face myself; your troubles and dangers will also be mine and we will share in any fortunes; and I shall care for every one of you as I would care for myself.*

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