History – Battle of Alton – Year 5 – Spring 1

Vocabulary Top Ten:

Civil War	a war that is fought between two groups of people who live in the same country
commonwealth	countries that used to make up the British empire
divine right of kings	kings chosen by God so their authority could not be challenged.
leather cannon	a cheap, light weapon used in war
Lord Protector	in charge of the country in place of a king or queen
Parliamentarian	supporter of Oliver Cromwell also known as a Roundhead
Protestant	a member of the Christian church
Puritan	people who wanted to change the Church of England
reform	to make better or improve
Royalist	a support of the king also known as a Cavalier

Charles I



Royalist (Cavalier)



Oliver Cromwell



Parliamentarian (Roundhead)



Leather Cannon



Key Facts:

The first Battle of Alton took place in February 1643. The Parliamentarians (Roundheads) and Royalists (Cavaliers) fought each other before the Parliamentarians escaped.

On the 13th September 1643, the English Parliament ordered Major General William Waller to gather forces for the "protection" of Hampshire County.

Royalist forces led by Sir Ralph Hopton, arrived in Alton as they were short of provisions.



Civil War bullet holes in the door of St Lawrence Church



St Lawrence Church pulpit where Col Boles hid

On the 13th December 1643 William Waller set off to Alton, attacking from the north and west.

Royalists fled, leaving 200 men behind with Col Boles in charge. They withdrew to St Lawrence Church.

Col Boles was killed in the fierce fighting.

Up to 200 men were killed during this battle.

1625
Charles I became king





1642
Preparations for the First Civil War begins



1643
Battle of Alton



1649
Charles I executed



1653
Cromwell becomes Lord Protector



1660
Monarchy restored