

3. Decision Making Game

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- Reassure the public that you are not secretly a Catholic.*

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| c. Marry the 15-year old French princess Henrietta Maria who is a Catholic. | |

2. You are fighting a war with Spain and need more money. What do you do?

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| a. Call Parliament, listen to their advice, and ask them to approve your taxes. | |
| b. Raise taxes without Parliaments permission. | |
| c. Decide against going to war with Spain, as it is clearly too expensive. | |

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| b. Accept that the Protestant church is becoming very 'Catholic', and make it plainer | |
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4. You know that Parliament are angry with how you are King. What do you do?

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| b. Refuse to call Parliament for 11 years, and rule as a tyrant. | |
| c. Call Parliament, and make a few small compromises in what you do. | |

5. A war has started in Scotland in 1640, and you need to respond? What do you do?

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| c. Raise taxes on your own, go to war, and ignore Parliament. They are always trou- | |

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| c. Storm into Parliament and try to arrest the five biggest troublemakers. | |

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Teacher Notes:

- Ask the pupils to add up their scores. If they score between 80-120, you can tell them they would have been a good King.
- If they score between 50-80, they would have been ok, and probably would have avoided civil war.
- If they score between 0-50, tell them they would have been a terrible King, and would have ended up getting their heads chopped off!
- King Charles I went with c-b-c-b-c-c. He would have scored 10 points!