



Naseby Project Badge

Explorers Activity 2

Activity 2

For this activity, the Explorers will deepen their understanding of the English Civil War by exploring the Battle of Naseby in detail.

There are two ways to complete this activity:

1. **Visit the Naseby Battle Site:** The Explorer Unit can visit the site and explore at least two monuments. (See the last page of this file)
2. **Orienteering Course:** The Unit can create its own orienteering course using the eight QR codes provided on the following pages.

Additionally, we have included an answer sheet for the first four QR codes to assist the Explorers as well as an answer sheet to all the QR codes for the leaders.

Explorers Answer Sheet

The Tide Turns: *Battle of Naseby*

1. What tactic had Fairfax used to force a battle with Charles?

2. What error did the Royalist forces make before the battle had begun?

3. Who commanded the main cavalry forces?

Royalists: _____

Parliamentarians: _____

4. Why was this battle so devastating for Charles?





QR Code 1





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Leaders Answers / Links to QR Codes

QR Code 1

Charles took up a good defensive position and waited for word of Fairfax's position. However, Fairfax had taken up a much weaker position near Naseby, hoping that Charles might approach him instead. Prince Rupert fell for this and suggested that the Royalists should advance.

But this meant the Royalists having to leave their strong defensive position to make the attack. This was not a good decision because when they arrived, Fairfax slowly retreated up a hill, giving his men the higher ground, and even having time to hide Oaky's troops behind bushes. Now, the Royalists were at a disadvantage.

QR Code 2

Both sides took up their usual positions with infantrymen in the centre and cavalry on the flanks.

The Parliamentary cavalry were commanded by Oliver Cromwell, the Royalist cavalry were commanded by Prince Rupert (right) and Marmaduke Langdale (left).

QR Code 3

At 10am the battle started when the cavalry under the command of Prince Rupert successfully charged the left side of the Parliamentarians. But the poorly disciplined troops then chased after Parliament's baggage train (wagons of food, gold and weapons) instead of continuing the attack.

Meanwhile, on the right, Oliver Cromwell's well disciplined cavalry took the chance and defeated Langdale's cavalry. He then turned his horses on Charles' foot soldiers, crushing them.

QR Code 4

The battle lasted just three hours and in that time most of the Royalist foot soldiers were killed (1,000) or taken prisoner (4,500). The Royalists also lost all of their artillery and most of their supplies and weapons. Charles fled the battlefield.

The king's army was so utterly destroyed that they could no longer win the Civil War and it was only a matter of time before Parliament won. Within a few months Charles had been captured.



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mSXux_X8tQ

QR Code 6

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbTrxbegnyw>

QR Code 7

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-kfJalQdX0>

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