



Naseby Project Badge

Scouts Activity 3

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The New Model Army was significant because it changed the way armies were organised and fought, influencing military practices for years to come. The following are the key principles of the New Model Army:

1. **Formation:** Established in 1645 by the Parliamentarians (also known as the Roundheads) to fight against King Charles I and his Royalist forces.
2. **Leadership:** Led by Sir Thomas Fairfax and Oliver Cromwell, who were key figures in the Parliamentary cause.
3. **Structure:** Unlike previous armies, it was a professional force with soldiers paid regularly and promoted based on merit rather than social status.
4. **Discipline:** Known for its strict discipline and effective training, which made it highly efficient in battle.
5. **Impact:** Played a crucial role in the Parliamentary victory, leading to the eventual execution of King Charles I and the establishment of the Commonwealth under Cromwell.

Activity Instructions:

Taking on these principles, the Scouts need to organise an evening of backwoods cooking and survival skills and draw up a set of Activity Rules based on the New Model Army principles. Then, they head out and complete the activities as planned, sticking to the rules.

Here are a few suggestions for the Scouts to think about:

1. **Formation:** Encourage the Scouts to establish clear roles and responsibilities within their group, similar to how the New Model Army was organized. They could have leaders, planners, and various task-specific roles.
2. **Leadership:** Emphasize the importance of leadership and teamwork. The leaders should guide the group, but also listen to everyone's ideas and concerns, just like Fairfax and Cromwell did.
3. **Structure:** Ensure that the camp rules are fair and promote merit-based recognition. For example, reward those who show initiative, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.
4. **Discipline:** Highlight the importance of discipline and following the rules. This could include maintaining the camp, completing tasks on time, and supporting each other.
5. **Impact:** After the camp, have a discussion about how the principles of the New Model Army influenced their experience. What worked well? What could be improved? How did the structure and discipline help them achieve their goals?

Below is a copy of the **Lawes of the Army** which will aid the Scouts in planning the evening and rules. These rules will provide a historical context and help the Scouts understand the significance of these principles. This activity not only teaches them about history but also valuable life skills such as leadership, teamwork, and discipline.

