



# 1 - War and Winstanley: The origins of the Diggers

**Watch the video and see if you can find the answers to these questions. Make a note of your answers in the space below.**

1. Which were the two main sides that fought in the English Civil War?  
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2. What important event took place in 1649?  
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3. What kind of business did Gerrard Winstanley have in London?  
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4. Why did Gerrard Winstanley and his wife Susan move from London to Cobham?  
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5. What did Winstanley get involved with when he moved to Cobham?  
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6. What difficulties did Gerrard Winstanley face in Cobham?  
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7. What was the relationship like between the Lords of the Manor and their tenants?  
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When you have finished the video work as a group to decide which of these speech bubbles best describes Winstanley's perspective.

Although I support parliament's grievances, I believe England should still be a monarchy. I oppose the execution of the king, and this has turned me against parliament.

I think war has become too much of a burden on ordinary people's lives. They are struggling with heavy taxes and the constant presence of armies, with no support from parliament.

I think that parliament was not taxing people enough to maintain the war effort. I feared that this could lead to the king winning the war



## ESSAY QUESTION

Using your own words, describe some of the impacts that the English Civil War had on the lives of ordinary people.