Making the Connection

1. James I/Oliver Cromwell

1. James I, as King, came into frequent conflict with Parliament, causing relations between the crown and the legislature to sour, which helped lead to the English Civil War under Charles I. Cromwell was the soldier who led the Parliamentary forces during the English Civil War, establishing and leading the Republican Commonwealth. James was an absolutist who tried to centralize government, unlike Cromwell, who decentralized it; however, Cromwell similarly often quarreled with Parliament, like James.

2. Charles I/James II

1. Charles I was the King who was deposed and killed in the English Civil War for his authoritarian policies and conflict with Parliament, seeing the temporary end of the monarchy. James II was the King who was deposed in the Glorious Revolution. Both Kings saw chapters close for the monarchy; the former saw a violent war in which Parliament and commoners increased in power. The latter saw a shift towards a Constitutional Monarchy with Parliament holding the reigns of true power.

3. The Restoration/The Glorious Revolution

1. Charles II and the monarchy returned with the Restoration, ending the Commonwealth. The monarchy grew in strength to prevent another English Civil War. The Glorious Revolution occurred not long after, greatly reducing the monarchy's power and replacing the king with William III of Orange. Parliament gained great power. Both events were extensions of the conflicts of the English Civil War between the powers of monarchy and people, with people winning out in the end.

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