

‘Charles’ belief in the divine right of Kings was the most significant cause of the English civil war.’ How far do you agree with this statement?

Significant= MOST IMPORTANT. You need to consider how big a role Charles played in the build up to civil war - or were other factors more important like the ones listed below.

Long term causes of the English civil war	Short term causes of the English civil war
The divine right of Kings. Charles believed no one had the right to dictate to him or tell him how to rule England. Parliament and their opinions were not welcome!	Charles attempts to arrest 5 MPs
Charles marries a catholic.... Ongoing religious tensions left Parliament uneasy over his choice of wife in a Protestant country.	The execution of Lord Stafford against Charles’s wishes- this put a further strain on his relationship with Parliament
Charles dismissed Parliament for 11 years - also known as the ‘11 years of tyranny.’	Instead of granting Charles money, Parliament sent him the Grand Remonstrance - a list of 204 complaints about the way he was running the country.
Charles was abusing old laws in order to raise money without parliament. This caused increased tensions	Parliament sent Charles the 19 Propositions. They wanted the power to appoint the king’s ministers, and control the army and the judges

# Why did Henry close down the monasteries?

He gained money from selling the goods he found inside.

To support his divorce proceedings and legalise his second marriage

To establish himself as head of the Church in England.

To reduce the influence of the Pope.

He gained land and sold it on for profit.

To support religious changes in England

**THINK:** did Henry only attack the monasteries for economical gains? Or did he have other motives? You will need to analyse these in your exam and consider all reasons!