



Why did people go to war in 1642?

Case study 1: 1637-39

The Civil War broke out in 1642, but there were many years of tension leading up to this event. How does this selection of sources from 1637-39 help us to understand why people went to war?



Order by Charles on playing cards & dice, 1638



Complaint about 'ship money', 1639



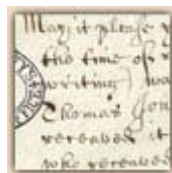
Picture of a protest in Edinburgh, 1637



Announcement from Charles to the Scots, 1639



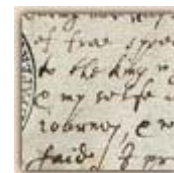
Letter from a man in the army against Scotland



A rude poem, May 1639



Informers' report to Archbishop Laud, 1639



Discussion on the situation with Parliament, 1639