

Charles was spending all of England's money on going to wars with other countries. Most people in England did not even know what these wars were about!

At the time that Charles I was alive (400 years ago), people thought that Kings were chosen by God and that it was wrong to get rid of them.

People had been fighting about whether there should be a king or not. Hundreds of thousands of people died in the **civil war**. Some people thought killing Charles would end the fighting.

England had never been ruled without a king or queen before. Many people were worried that it would not be a strong country without one.

Lots of the rich and powerful families in England supported Charles. Killing him would make them very angry.

Charles had a Catholic wife. Many people were worried that if he stayed as king then the whole country would be forced to be Catholic again.