

Source 1

James was a weak king of England he was clever, but did not know how to deal with people. James gave his friends too much power. He wasted money, and he argued with parliament. Some people in England said he was a coward

A.G.R. Smith

(historian)

Source 2

He was lacking in self respect and undignified in appearance. He had a big head, slobbering tongue, padded clothes and rickety legs

Edwards

(historian)

Source 3

*King James was the most cowardly man I knew.
He feared (scared) mischief and wore pistol
proof padded clothes.*

Sir John Oglander

Source 4

He was timid . . . his eyes were large . . . his tongue was too large for his mouth . . . He liked peace, but only because he was scared.

Sir Anthony Weldon

Source 5

He was friendly with all the princes of Christendom. While most of the world was at war, he kept his country in peace. He was a just and good king

Godfrey Goodman

James Actions 1

James had been brought up Protestant, but his mother Mary, Queen of Scots had been Catholic.

At first, James stopped Catholics from having to pay fines for not going to Protestant church services.

Most English people were suspicious of Catholics. People objected to James being soft on them

James Actions 2

James was a Scottish king on an English throne – he needed to win the support of the English Protestants who made up most of the population

James was persuaded to bring back the fines. A crackdown began on those refusing to attend Protestant churches, leading to over 5,000 Catholics being convicted