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## <u>Cromwell</u> and the Puritans



Oliver Cromwell played a crucial role in the Puritan		in England.	in England. Born	
in 1599, he became a key military and po	litical leader. The Puri	tans wanted to		
the Church of E	ngland, seeking a more	pure form of worship and	d	
church governance. Cromwell shared these o		and joined their caus	e.	
In 1642, the English Civil War began, pit	ting the Royalists again	nst the Parliamentarians,	who	
were largely supported by the	. Cromwe	ell quickly rose to promine	ence	
within the Parliamentarian army, known	as the New Model	His		
leadership and military strategies led to several crucial		, includii	ng the	
Battle of Naseby in 1645.				
Cromwell's success on the battlefield made him a		among the Pur	itans.	
After the execution of King Charles I in	1649, England was decl	ared a	,	
known as the Commonwealth. Cromwell	became one of its most	t powerful		
In 1653, he was	named Lord Protector,	effectively making him th	ne	
ruler of England.				
As Lord, Cromw	ell tried to implement f	Puritan values across the		
nation. He enforced strict	codes, close	d down theaters, and prom	noted	
religious tolerance for Protestant	Hov	vever, his rule was also m	arked	
by harsh measures against those who op	posed him, including th	ne	and	
the Royalists.				
Cromwell's death in 1658 led to the even	tual collapse of the Co	mmonwealth. The		
was restored in	1660, and many of Croi	mwell's reforms were reve	ersed.	
Despite this, his	on English history and	l the Puritan Movement re	emains	
significant. Cromwell is remembered as	a complex	who shaped th	ne	
religious and political landscape of his t	ime.			
victories Protector Movement	reform monarch	y moral republic	sects	
beliefs figures Irish hero P	uritans (impact) (fi	gure Army		