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Interregnum Overview



During the English Civil War, a	known as the Interregnum spanned
from 1649 to 1660. This era began after the execution of	
marking a significant shift in British history. Without a	monarch, the country was ruled by the
of England, initially led by	the Rump Parliament. The Rump
Parliament was eventually dissolved by Oliver	, who then established
the Protectorate in 1653.	
Cromwell assumed the title of Lord	, wielding almost regal power but
without the crown. His rule brought about changes, inclu	uding religious
and a reorganized army. Despite these reforms, his gov	vernance faced opposition and was marked b
strict and censorship.	
Following Cromwell's death in 1658, his son	took over but lacked his
father's leadership skills. Richard's inability to control	the army and manage
affairs led to his resignati	ion. This period of confusion and instability
paved the way for the in 1	660 when Charles II, the son of Charles I,
was invited to return and claim the	·
The Interregnum is notable for its experimentation wit	h republican,
which were unusual in a Europe still dominated by mona	rchies. The
structures created during this time, such as the use of	councils and,
influenced the future administrative frameworks of Bri	tain.
Although the was a time o	f military dictatorship under Cromwell, it
also provided a unique opportunity for	to explore different forms of
governance. The legacy of this period is mixed, as it ch	allenged the traditional
but also laid the groundwo	ork for modern British
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