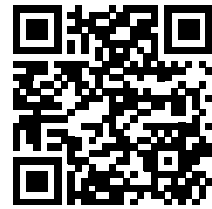


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# Oliver Cromwell and the Stuart Era



Oliver Cromwell played a decisive role during the Stuart period in \_\_\_\_\_, which was marked by intense political and religious turmoil. He was not just a military leader but also a political \_\_\_\_\_ who reshaped English society. Cromwell led the Parliamentary forces in the English Civil War against King \_\_\_\_\_ I, who was accused of tyranny and disregard for parliamentary governance. His \_\_\_\_\_ was instrumental in the eventual defeat and execution of the king in 1649.

After the king's execution, England was declared a \_\_\_\_\_, and Cromwell eventually became its Lord Protector. This period was characterized by strict Puritan moral codes and the suppression of the \_\_\_\_\_ who were loyal to the monarchy.

Cromwell's rule was marked by his strong governance and the promotion of Puritan values, which had a lasting impact on \_\_\_\_\_.

He also had significant influence on foreign policies, promoting Protestantism abroad and waging successful military campaigns in \_\_\_\_\_ and Scotland to suppress opposition. These actions expanded English control and \_\_\_\_\_, though they were often brutally executed.

Despite his authoritarian rule, Cromwell implemented several reforms in \_\_\_\_\_ and law. He sought to make the government more representative and pushed for \_\_\_\_\_ of religion, albeit primarily for different sects of Protestantism. His policies paved the way for the future development of constitutional \_\_\_\_\_ in England.

Cromwell's death in 1658 led to a brief continuation of the Protectorate under his son, Richard \_\_\_\_\_. However, Richard's lack of political acumen resulted in his quick fall from power and the restoration of the \_\_\_\_\_ monarchy in 1660 under Charles II. This period, often referred to as the Restoration, marked the end of the Commonwealth and Cromwell's radical \_\_\_\_\_ in English governance.

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