

# *Parliament Limits the English Monarchy*

*The Greedy Queen and Her Stingy Parliament*

## *James I and the clash with Parliament*

- *James I wanted absolute power when he inherited the throne from Queen Elizabeth*
- *Elizabeth wanted absolute power too, but was better at flattering parliament to get her way*
- *Always conflict between the royalty and parliament over \$ - royalty wants \$ for royal court and foreign wars*

## *James I continued*

- *Also annoyed people b/c he refused to make Puritan reforms (get rid of Catholic practices).*
- *Hated when anyone told him what to do (sound familiar?)*
- *Known for the King James bible – the Puritan translation of the old bible*

# King James I



# Charles I

- 1625, James I dies and his son, Charles I, gets the throne
- Always needed \$ for war
- When parliament denied \$ requests, he dissolved parliament
- 1628, parliament gets back together and asks Charles to sign the Petition of Right

# More of Charles I

- *The people hated the taxes  
(obviously)*
- *Doesn't he look like a pompous jerk?*



# English Civil War

- *Since Charles I ruled over Scotland AND England, there were several religions*
- *Charles I wanted ONE religion – ended up in Civil War when the Scots rebelled*
- *War cost \$ , so Charles needed Parliament. Parliament hated him and wanted to limit his power*
  - *Supporters of Charles I = Royalists*
  - *The opposition supports Parliament = Roundheads*

# More Civil War

- *Under leadership of Oliver Cromwell, the puritan roundheads finally won (1646)*
- *Took Charles I hostage, tried him in front of the public and executed him*
- *The decapitation -*

