

Task: use the wordbox to fill in gaps and label the PIKEMAN.

Pikemen wore a set of armour and a strong thick coat, usually made of \_\_\_\_\_ hide, called a 'buff coat', underneath that. Their armour was made up of \_\_\_ parts: a corselet (a back and \_\_\_\_\_ plate) and tassets (armour that covered the tops of their legs). The pike that the men carried was about \_\_\_ feet long and made of a hard wood. The top four feet of the pike was wooden with metal around it, with a sharp \_\_\_\_\_ spearhead at the top. Pikes were very \_\_\_\_\_ and difficult to carry; only the strongest men could use them properly.



Wordbox

18,	CORSELET,	SPIKED,
CARRIED,	HEAVY,	TASSETS,
CHEST,	HORSE,	TWO,

Questions:

1. Why could the Musketeers move more quickly than the Pikemen?

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2. Why were there not a lot more Cavalry soldiers?

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3. Which weapons did a Cavalry soldier have?

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4. What is a 'buff coat'?

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5. Describe one bad thing that you know about being a Pikeman.

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**THINK ABOUT and WRITE A PARAGRAPH:** Which kind of Civil War soldier do you think you would like to be, and why? Think about the good things about that kind of soldier, and what makes them better than the others. Do they have any bad points? What are they?

# Soldiers of the English Civil War



Task: use the wordbox to fill in the gaps and label the MUSKETEER

Musketeers did not wear \_\_\_\_\_, which meant they could move quickly. The gun that most of these soldiers used was called a \_\_\_\_\_. A good and well-trained musketeer could fire 3 \_\_\_\_\_ a minute - but if his gunpowder got wet, he wouldn't be able to shoot at all. Musketeers also had a sword for close hand-to-hand \_\_\_\_\_.

Wordbox:

ARMOUR,	COMBAT,	ROUNDS,
MATCHLOCK	SWORD,	GUN,

Task: use the wordbox to fill in the gaps and label the CAVALRY SOLDIER

Both sides had cavalry (soldiers on horses), but the cost of keeping \_\_\_\_\_ of horses was very \_\_\_\_\_. The cavalry soldiers were armed with a heavy sword and sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ pistols. They wore \_\_\_\_\_ and chest plate armour with a 'buff coat' underneath that.



<u>Wordbox</u>	PISTOL,	2,
BACK,	HUNDREDS,	HIGH,