

Use the information to finish the sentences - write the sentences out in your exercise book

Pikemen wore a set of armour and a strong thick coat, made of horse hide, called a 'buff coat', underneath that. Their armour was made up of two parts: a corselet (a back and chest plate) and tassets (armour that covered the tops of their legs). The pike that the men carried was approximately 18 feet long and made of a hard wood. The top 4 feet of the pike was wooden with metal around it, with a sharp spiked spearhead at the top. Pikes were very heavy and difficult to carry; only the strongest men could use them properly.

Finish the sentences:

1. Pikemen wore...
2. A tasset is...
3. A Pike is...



Answer these questions in full sentences in your exercise book:

1. Describe one advantage and one disadvantage of being a Musketeer.
2. During the Civil War, why were there not more regiments of Cavalry soldiers?
3. What is a 'buff coat'? Describe why it would be good for a soldier to wear one.
4. Describe one disadvantage of being a Pikeman.
5. Why would being on a horse on a battlefield give you an advantage? Describe at least 3 reasons.

Extension:

THINK ABOUT AND WRITE A SHORT 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



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Musketeers did not wear armour, which meant they could move quickly. The gun that most of these soldiers used was called a matchlock. A good and well-trained musketeer could fire 3 rounds 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 combat.

Finish the sentences:

1. Musketeers could move quickly because...
2. A well trained Musketeer could shoot...
3. A Musketeer also had a sword for...

Both the Cavaliers and the Roundheads had cavalry (soldiers on horses), but the cost of keeping hundreds of horses was very high. The cavalry soldiers were armed with a heavy sword and sometimes two pistols. They wore back and chest plate armour with a 'buff coat' (a thick coat usually made of horse hide) underneath that.

Finish the sentences:

1. A cavalry soldier is a soldier who...
2. Cavalry soldiers were armed with...
3. Cavalry soldiers wore...

