

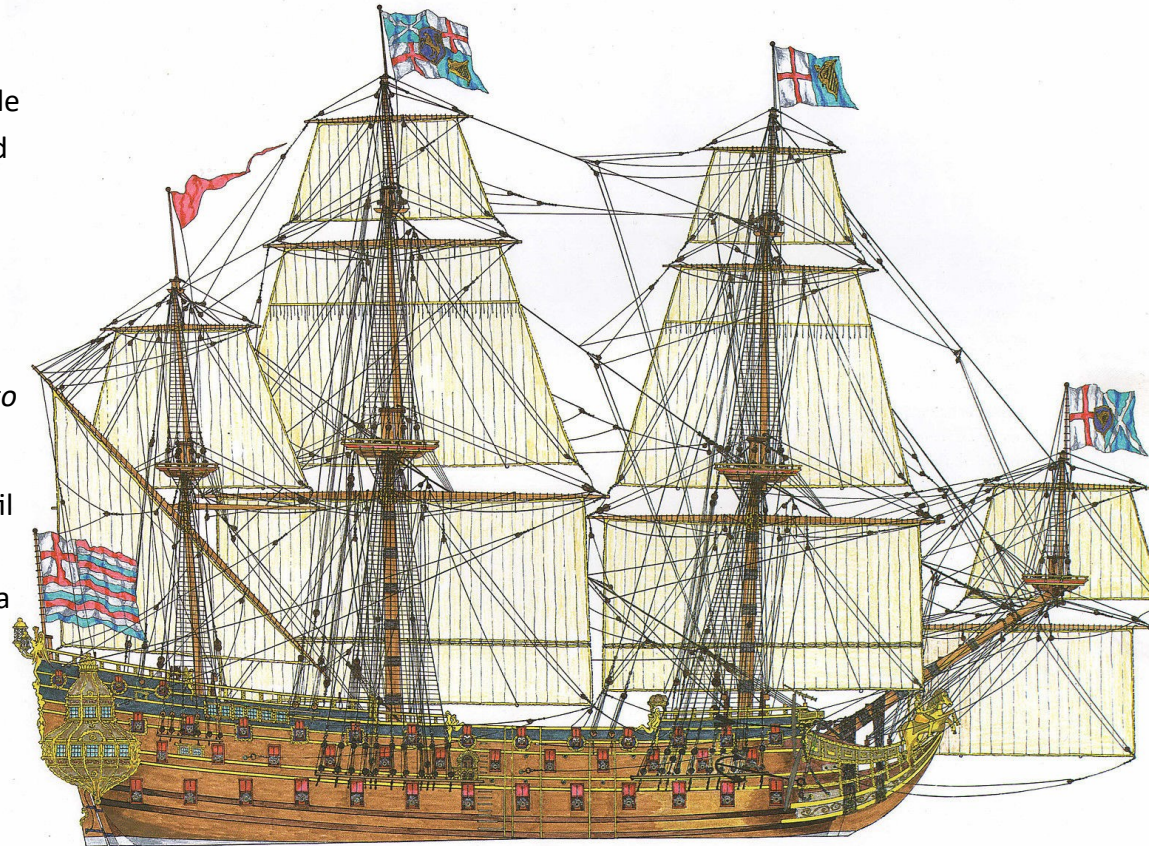
Discover the *Naseby*

Explore the *Naseby*, which was the most famous ship in Oliver Cromwell's navy.

Print this activity sheet, or get a blank piece of paper to do the activities! You'll need a pencil and colouring supplies too, as well as the other supplies listed on page 2.

Did you know?

- The *Naseby* was built in 1655, the largest of 4 new ships made for Oliver Cromwell, who ruled England, Scotland, and Ireland at the time.
- The ship had 80 guns, and 650 men lived and worked on it!
What do you think it was like to live on a ship like this?
- It was used as a battleship until 1667—over 10 years. Then, it was captured by the Dutch in a battle, who took it back to Holland, and opened it as a tourist attraction—just like a museum today! *Would you have wanted to go visit it?*



What's in a name?

The *Naseby* was named after one of Oliver Cromwell's most important victories during the English Civil War—the Battle of Naseby in 1645. Because of this battle, King Charles lost his throne, and ultimately, his head.

After Cromwell's death, Charles' son, King Charles II, was given the throne again. The *Naseby* went to go pick him up in France, and brought him back to England. But they changed its name first, and it became the *Royal Charles*.

*Which do you think is a better name?
Why do you think they changed it?*

A replica model of the *Naseby* is on display at the Cromwell Museum until April 2022. Go visit it before it's gone, and see this famous ship up close! Find more information at www.cromwellmuseum.org.

Make your own ship

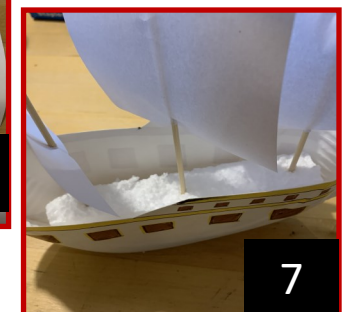
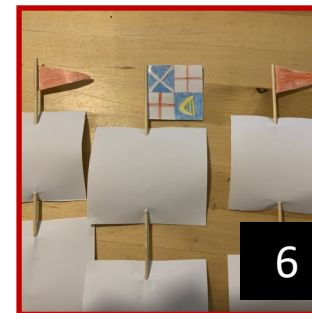
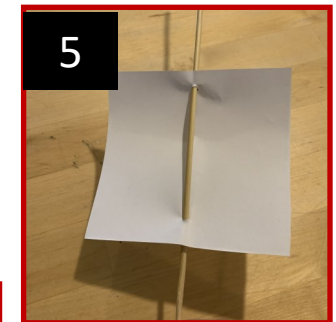
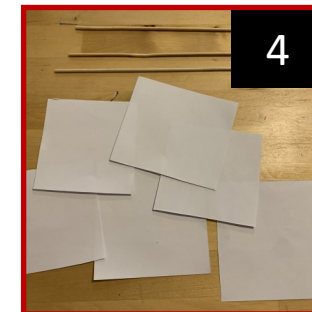
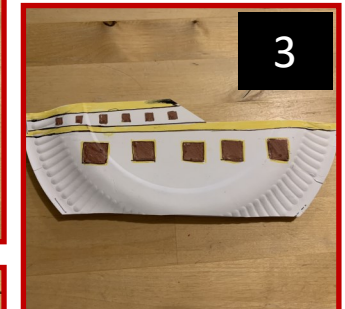
Create your own version of the Naseby at home!

You will need...

- A paper plate
- Wooden skewers or dowels
- White paper
- Colouring supplies, such as paint, coloured pencils, or markers
- Toilet paper roll, modelling clay, or polystyrene
- Glue or tape
- Pencil
- Stapler
- Scissors



1. Cut a paper plate in half to form your ship's body or hull. You can cut the top edge into an irregular shape like we did. Make sure the two halves are mirror images of each other.
2. Trim off the plate's curved bottom, and join the two halves using staples or glue in each corner.
3. Decorate the ship! We put in square holes for cannons, and gold detailing.
4. Now make your sails and masts. Take two or three wooden skewers or dowels for your masts. Cut rectangles of varying sizes from your white paper to make the sails.
5. Make a pair of holes on each sail along the middle, each about half an inch from the edge. Make sure they're just big enough for the wooden dowel to go through. Position the sails on the masts.
6. Create flags out of paper. Colour and decorate them to suit your ship. We based ours off the flags on the *Naseby*. Glue or tape them to the top of the masts.
7. Position the masts. We used polystyrene packaging, but you can use modelling clay or a toilet paper roll. Push the masts into the anchoring material, and place that into the hull of the ship.
8. You're all done! Now it's time to pick out a name for your ship. What will it be?



What is a figurehead?

A figurehead is a carved wooden decoration on the bow (front) of a ship. The design of it is often related to the name or the role of the ship. Unicorns and lions were very popular on English ships!

The Naseby's figurehead (shown below) is of Oliver Cromwell, the hero of the battle of Naseby, riding a white horse, being crowned with a laurel by an angel.



Design your own figurehead here for your ship. Remember to relate it to the name you chose...

We'd love to see what you create! Share on social media and tag us @MuseumCromwell on Twitter and @TheCromwellMuseum on Instagram, or email us at learning@cromwellmuseum.com!