

# History - Year 7 - Summer 2 - Chirk Castle - Knowledge

## Organiser

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| <b>Key term</b>        | Definition                                                                        |
| <b>Interpretation</b>  | What someone thinks something means, or how they explain it.                      |
| <b>Civil War</b>       | A war between people from the same country.                                       |
| <b>Marches Kingdom</b> | Border areas between kingdoms, often defended because they are at risk of attack. |
| <b>Privateering</b>    | When privately owned ships are allowed by a government to attack.                 |
| <b>Parliamentarian</b> | A person who supported Parliament during the English Civil War.                   |
| <b>Royalist</b>        | A person who supported the king during the English Civil War.                     |
| <b>Dyke</b>            | A wall or barrier built to stop water or in the case of Offa's Dyke - the Welsh.  |
| <b>Revision</b>        | <b>Local History</b>                                                              |
| <b>Commerce</b>        | Buying and selling goods (trading) especially between countries.                  |

## Chirk Castle - Fact File

**Location:** The Marcher Kingdoms, England-Wales border, on a hill overlooking the Ceiriog Valley

**Built:** 1295 by Roger Mortimer

**Purpose:** To control the Welsh-English border.

**Features:** Motte, Bailey, Moat, Arrow slits, "Murder holes", Dungeons.

**Ownership:** Myddelton family overseen by



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The term 'MARCHE' comes from a 13<sup>th</sup> Century English word meaning 'border region'.



In the Marches Kingdoms - a series of castles were built alongside **Offa's Dyke**.

Offa's Dyke is a wall of earth built to protect England from invaders. It is 20m wide and 8m high



**Thomas Myddelton II**

**How did he make his money?**

**East India Company** - A British trading company that became a powerful force in India and helped establish the British Empire

**Privateering** - State-authorized piracy where private ships attacked enemy vessels during wartime.

**Sugar Trade** - The global exchange of sugar, often produced on plantations using enslaved labor, that drove economic growth.

**English Civil War**

**Thomas Myddelton II**



Thomas Myddelton II was a general for one of the sides during the **English Civil War**. He started off on the side of the **Parliamentarians** but became annoyed at how they were running the country and quickly changed sides to become a **Royalist**.

Chirk Castle became a battleground for the English Civil War and a key stronghold in North Wales.