

The Battle of Stirling Bridge Research

Use the Internet or a Fact File to research the Battle of Stirling Bridge and answer the questions below.

When did the Battle of Stirling Bridge happen?

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Who were the key English leaders in the battle?

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Who would you have expected to win? Explain your answer.

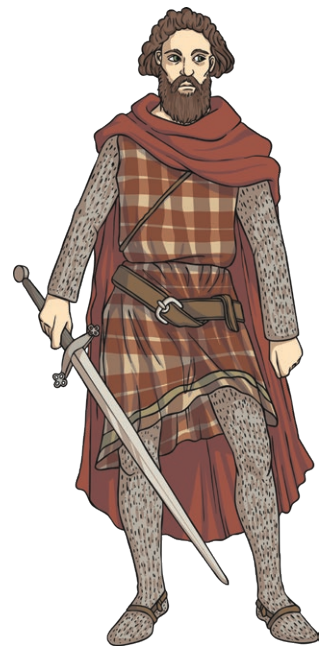


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Who won the Battle of Stirling Bridge and why were they successful?

What did you find interesting about the battle?

Add something that happened after the Battle of Stirling Bridge.



The Battle of Stirling Bridge Answers

When did the Battle of Stirling Bridge happen?

11th September 1297

Who were the key Scottish leaders in the battle?

- **William Wallace**
- **Andrew de Moray**

Who were the key English leaders in the battle?

- **Hugh Cressingham**
- **John de Warenne**

What was interesting about the number of soldiers fighting for each side?

England had a much greater number of foot soldiers and soldiers on horses than Scotland did. England had a total army of around 9000 compared to around 6300 for Scotland.

Who would you have expected to win? Explain your answer.

England would have been expected to win given their much larger army size.

Which events led to the battle?

Scotland was left with no monarch after the death of King Alexander III and his granddaughter. John Baliol was chosen to be King of Scotland and angered King Edward I of England when he refused to support his war with France.

Who won the Battle of Stirling Bridge and why were they successful?

Scotland won because they used their knowledge of the area to carefully plan their attack on the English army. They trapped the English army as they came over the bridge giving them nowhere to escape.

What did you find interesting about the battle?

Pupil's own responses, supported by relevant evidence.

Add something that happened after the Battle of Stirling Bridge.

Possible answers might include:

Scotland was later defeated at the Battle of Falkirk.

William Wallace was captured and executed by the English.

Robert the Bruce led the Scottish army.

In 1314 Scotland won their independence at the Battle of Bannockburn.