



Museum Challenge

Survivors!



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What do you think this object might be?
Who did it belong to?
What was it designed to do?

Take a closer look.
Click on the object
to see it in 3D

Think,
pair,
share



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This is a wheelchair. It is a very rare and special object.

Do you think it would have been comfortable to sit in? Why?

How would the person in this chair have moved along?



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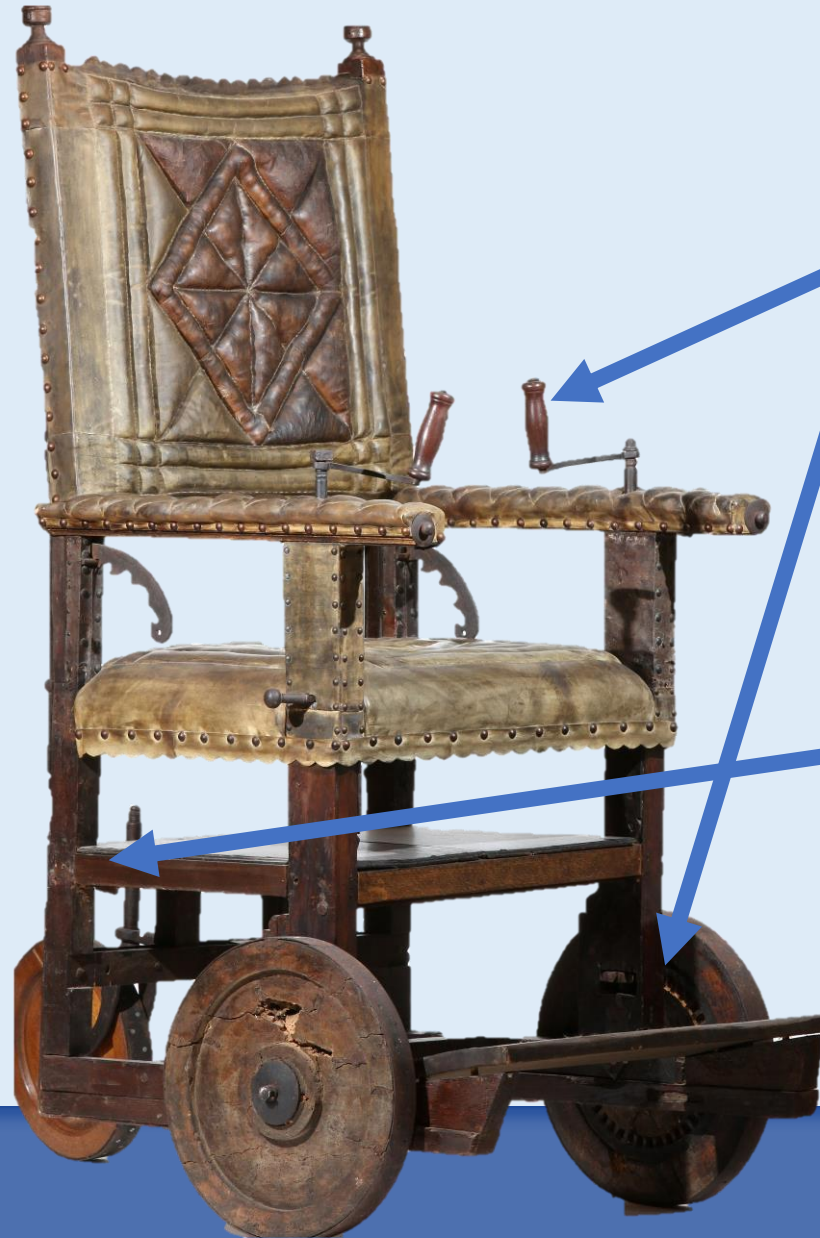


The chair could tilt backwards using these levers

The seat and back were covered in leather, padded and stitched



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The handles were connected to cogs which moved the wheels when the handles were turned.

The chair may have been pulled along by a dog or a horse, tied on to the chair here



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What kind of a person might own a chair like this? Why might they need it?

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This chair belonged to a very important person.



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Sir Thomas Fairfax was the commander of Parliament's army at the end of the war



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He created the
New Model Army.

This army helped
Parliament win the
war.



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He was a cavalry soldier.

He led his men into many battles.

Why do you think he needed this chair?

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Sir Thomas Fairfax was wounded in battle.

His wounds were painful for the rest of his life.

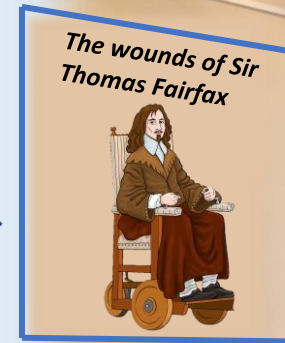
This wheelchair helped him sit and move.



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The National Civil War Centre would like to display this amazing object.

They would like to include a poster that explains why Sir Thomas Fairfax used this wheelchair



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Read the sources to find out when and how Sir Thomas Fairfax was wounded

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Newsbook sources

A
Surprise
for
SIR THOMAS FAIRFAX
Headquarters at Wetherby

A
True Relation
of the
Fight at Sherborne
In the County of YORKE

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During a cavalry raid on royalist headquarters, Fairfax was shot from under him,

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Manuscript accounts

2 July 1643

During a battle at Selby, I was shot in the wrist. This made the bridle fall out of my hand. The wound was near the nerves and veins and I lost a lot of blood, making me nearly fall from my horse. I held on to the horse's reins with my other hand and got clear of the battle.

I was fainting when my soldiers lay me down on the ground. My surgeon came as quickly as he could, bandaged my wound and stopped the bleeding. After a quarter of an hour's rest, I got back on my horse and rode for another 20 hours.

I arrived in Hull with my clothes blood-stained and in rags.

July 1644

At the battle of Marston Moor, we charged our horses after the enemy. In this first charge most of my men were hurt and many were killed. I was cut on my cheek and my horse was shot.

I returned to the battlefield to join my other troops. I found that I was surrounded by the enemy. I took the field sign out of my hat and pretended that I was one of them. In this way I passed through them until I reached my men.

Fact: There were no uniforms on the battlefield until the end of the war. Instead, soldiers were given a field sign, for instance a leaf to stick in their hats!



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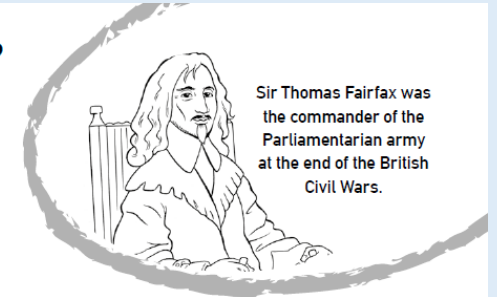
Make some notes to record what you discover.

Share your findings.

Why did Sir Thomas Fairfax use a wheelchair?

The National Civil War Centre would like to put Sir Thomas Fairfax's wheelchair on display. They would like to include a poster that explains why he used this amazing object.

1. Read the sources. Find out about Sir Thomas Fairfax's wounds. Note your findings below.
2. Design a poster for the museum display that includes the most important facts.



The Wounds of Sir Thomas Fairfax

Date	Details of injury



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Choose your favourite
four facts!

Design a poster for the
museum exhibition

Museum display board


Title _____

Fact 1 _____

Fact 2 _____

Fact 3 _____

Fact 4 _____



This object shows us that _____



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As far as we know,
wheelchairs were just
for the richest people.

We only know of one other
wheelchair like this.

That one was made for the
King of Spain.



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So how do you think ordinary wounded soldiers cope with their injuries? Find out in the next resource...

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