

Causes of the 1641 Rebellion – Guiding Questions

Deposition of Christopher Jesson, Ropemaker in Co. Down	
Christopher Jesson had assets in many forms – list at least four forms these assets took.	
Who owed Christopher Jesson money?	
Deposition of Thomas Fleetwood, Curate of Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath	
Thomas Fleetwood mentions two reasons why people went into rebellion. What are they?	
Deposition of Robert Maxwell, Rector of Tinon in County Armagh	
Maxwell describes the demands of rebel leader Phelim O'Neill. Take note of those about governing Ireland.	
Note down the aims for religious reform	
Deposition of Thomas Johnson, vicar in Co. Mayo	
Bearing in mind what you have learned from the other depositions, why do you think some people blamed the 'English'?	
Why do you think soldiers were encouraged to go to mass?	

Causes of the 1641 Rebellion – Once you have worked through the guiding questions above use the boxes below to note the evidence of the four different motivations for rebellion from the depositions provided.

Plantations	Religious
Economic	Political