

## The Century War

There were lots of wars in our history. Some long, some short, but all dangerous. But none was like the Century War. This war occurred between the mayors of London and Birmingham, and it was a total carnage.

One calm morning of spring in 1850, London's mayor realised that Birmingham's mayor was not helping the parliament. Angry, he went to Birmingham and talked to him:

C: "Joseph! Why are you not helping the Parliament? Last month you said you would contribute and you're not!"

J: "Oh, Curtis! I've got no time to contribute..."

C: "Then how do you explain to me that you can be loafing all day?"

J: "I'm not loafing! I'm just working on my own things!"

C: "We all know what you do... So, will you help or I have to convince you?"

J: "Absolutely NOT! I'm not helping, I said earlier!"

C: "Then... if you don't collaborate... I'm declaring a civil war on you!"

The next morning, the Londonese army went to Birmingham and started destroying everything. Joseph didn't flinch and responded with an equally destructive offense. Everything in the two cities was destroyed. Homes, shops, even the city halls were destroyed. Some time later, a terrible crisis hit the UK in war. There was no food, lots of people died of hunger, but they didn't stop until it was too late.

In 1864, Joseph went to London to talk with Curtis:

J: "It's been 14 years since this conflict started... and we're in full crisis, everyone is sick, don't you think it's time to stop? It's dumb that we continue battling!"

C: "You're right, we should stop for good. Even if it was your fault at first, we two are guilty for this nonsense, I should have thought first about the dangers of a civil war."

J: "Ok. We're going to stop for good, and I admit my fault about that 14 years ago."

They shook hands with each other and decided to stop. They learned that first they have to think about the consequences some actions have, and this war officially ended.