The **Anglo-Dutch Wars** were a series of wars fought between the [English](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_people) (later [British](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_people)) and the [Dutch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dutch_people) in the 17th and 18th centuries for control over the seas and trade routes.

1. 1652-54

 The [first war](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Anglo-Dutch_War) took place during the [English Interregnum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interregnum_%28England%29), and was fought between the [Commonwealth of England](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commonwealth_of_England) and the [Dutch Republic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dutch_Republic) (also known as the United Provinces).

2. 1665-67

3. 1672-74

 The [second war](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Anglo-Dutch_War) and [third war](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_Anglo-Dutch_War) took place after the [Restoration](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Restoration_%28England%29), and involved the [Kingdom of England](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_England) and the Dutch Republic.

The second and third Anglo-Dutch wars confirmed the Dutch Republic's position as the leading maritime state of the seventeenth century.

4. 1781-84

 The [fourth war](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourth_Anglo-Dutch_War) took place after the [Acts of Union](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acts_of_Union_1707), and involved the [Kingdom of Great Britain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Great_Britain) and the Dutch Republic.