

History - L.O. To be able to explain why we have laws.

- I can understand and explain what the Magna Carta is.
- I understand what the Magna Carta contained and who it effected.
- I can explain why the Magna Carta was written and how it has influenced the world.

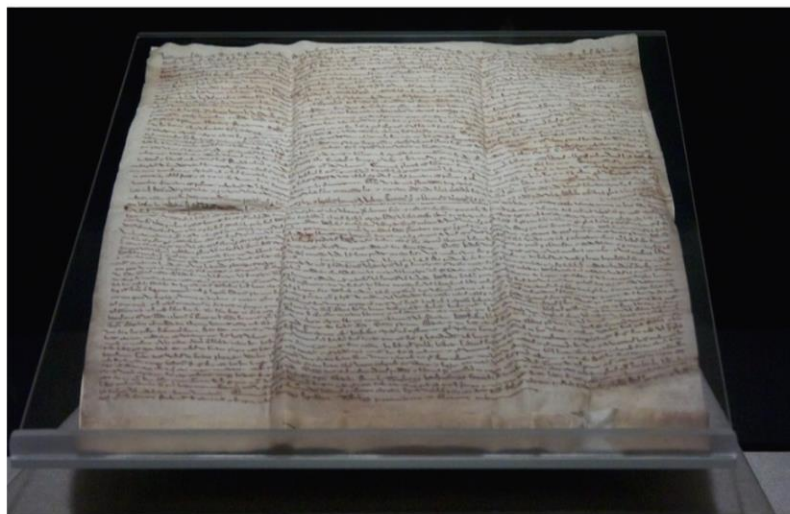
The Magna Carta



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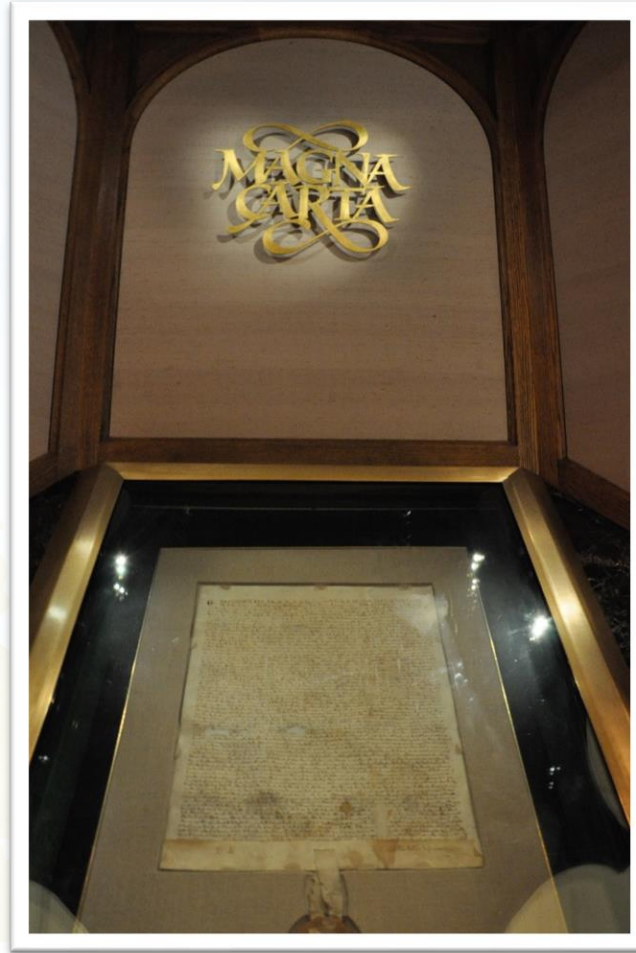
- The Magna Carta is regarded as one of the most important documents from Medieval England (which is the period in history between the 5th and 15th centuries).
- Magna Carta means 'Great Charter' in Latin.
- The Magna Carta was written in June 1215.



The Magna Carta

What is the Magna Carta and what was it for?

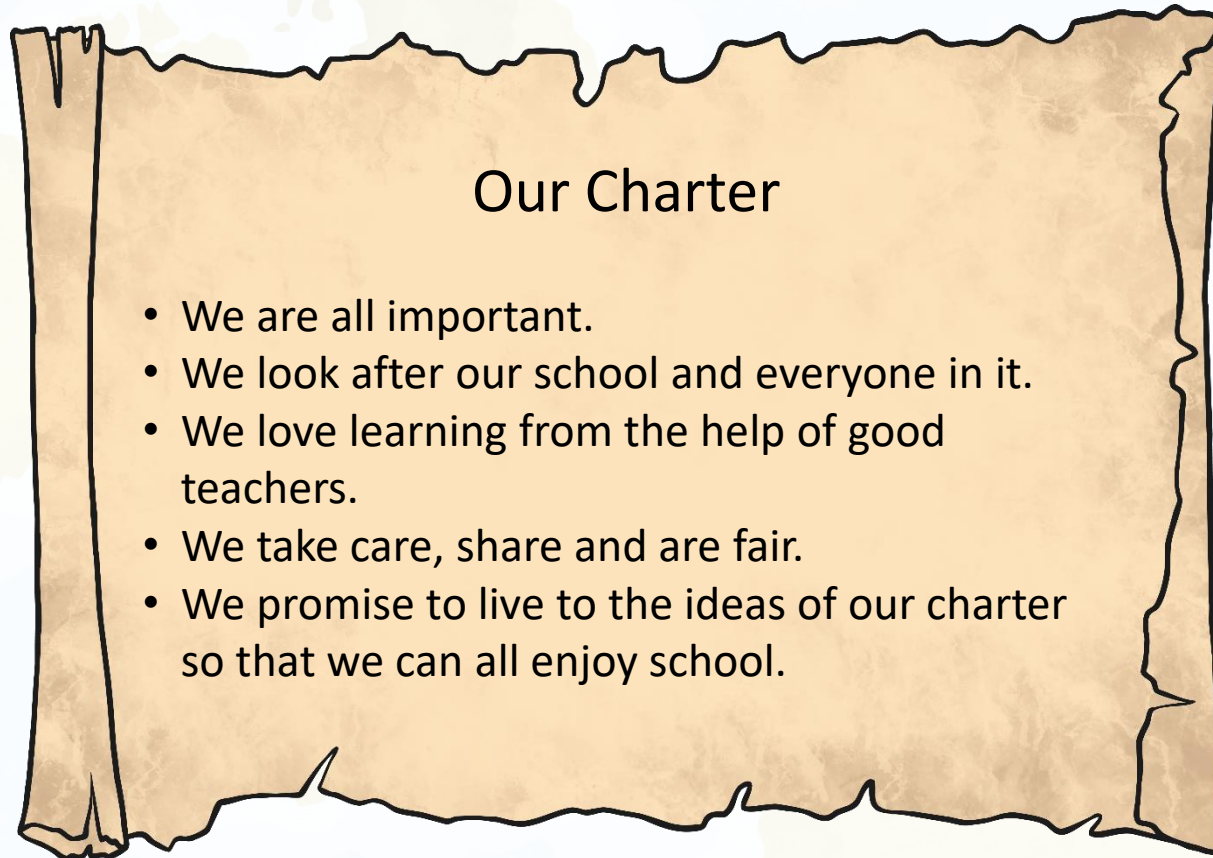
- The Magna Carta is a charter that King John of England agreed on with the Feudal Barons.
- The Magna Carta states that King John should recognise that his people deserve certain rights and that he should treat them fairly.
- King John put his royal seal of approval on the Magna Carta at Runnymede Castle, near Windsor, on 15 June 1215.



The Magna Carta

What is a charter?

- A charter is a document that grants certain rights and authorities.



The Magna Carta

Who were the Feudal Barons?

- The Feudal Barons were noblemen who held land granted by the king. The barons collected taxes and recruited soldiers for the king.

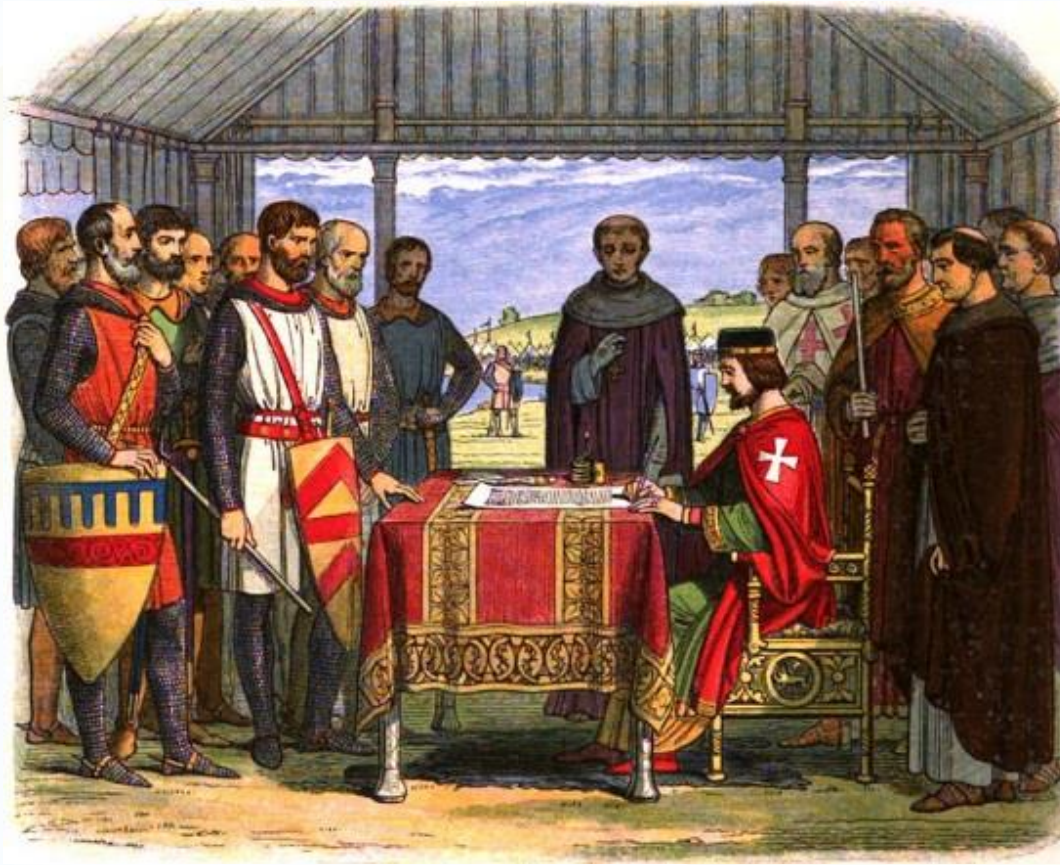


Why Did We Need The Magna Carta?

- King John was not a very popular or successful king. He had lost land in France and his military campaigns to win more land were not working very well.
- The barons were angry that King John kept putting up taxes and asking them to provide more soldiers. They did not think this was fair on the people.
- King John was also disliked by the church and the pope stopped all church services in 1207. The people and barons were upset because this meant that they could not show their love to God and they worried they might not be able to get into Heaven when they died.
- In 1214 the barons rebelled against King John. They took over London and refused to work for him.
- In the end King John gave the church more power and agreed with the barons to be fairer and kinder to his people. The Magna Carta outlined his promises.

Sealing the Magna Carta

King John puts his royal seal on the Magna Carta to cement his promises.

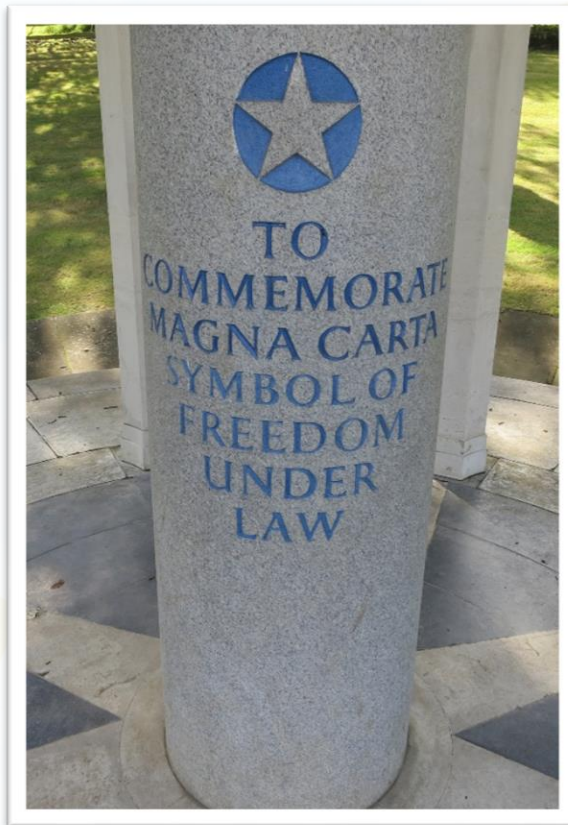


What is in the Magna Carta?

The Magna Carta has 63 different clauses which described:

- The powers and position the Catholic Church would have in England.
- How the barons would be treated more fairly.
- That the legal system would be fair and laws would protect people and ensure justice.
- How the Magna Carta principles would be carried out.

However, it was not actually divided into sections but written as one continuous text. You can read a full transcript of the Magna Carta on the British Library's website.



Did you know...?

- The first Magna Carta did not work! This was because the king and barons did not keep their promises!
- Over the following years it was revised and reissued and in 1227 the Magna Carta finally became part of the law.
- Four copies of the Magna Carta remain. Two are at the British Library, one at Lincoln Castle and one at Salisbury Cathedral (picture, right).



Your Task

Research a bit more about the Magna Carta and the impact it has had.

This will help you in our Computing lesson when we learn how to use Word to create a poster/information page.

The videos on the next slide may help.

Magna Carta

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zT4hkAxzLg>
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