

## MAGNA CHARTA





## WHAT IS MAGNA CHARTA?



One of the most famous documents in the world.

Magna Charta, meaning 'the Great Charter', has
inspired people across the centuries, from Thomas
Jefferson to Mahatma Gandhi.





It's the year 1215, and the ruler is King John. Many people believe that King John was one of the worst kings in history.





The two sides met at Runnymede in **June 1215**.
The result of the negotiations was written down by the king's clerks in the document we know as **Magna Charta**.



#### The Most Famous Clause:

'NO MAN SHALL BE ARRESTED OR IMPRISONED EXCEPT BY THE JUDGMENT OF THEIR EQUALS AND BY THE LAW OF THE LAND. TO NO ONE WILL WE SELL, TO NO ONE DENY OR DELAY RIGHT OR JUSTICE.'







England was plunged into civil war after the Pope declared the Charter invalid.

☐King John **died in 1216**, nine year old Henry III took to the throne.

**Imagna Charta** was reissued three times until it was finally made part of English law: in 1217, 1225 and 1297.



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MOST IMPORTANT LEGACY IS THAT EVERYONE - INCLUDING OUR LEADERS - MUST OBEY THE LAW.



### QUESTIONS

- I. Why do many people believe that King John was one of the worst kings in history?
- II. Why the majority of people in 1215 couldn't be protected by Magna Charta?
- III. How many times did Magna Charta reissue?