

WHAT IS MAGNA CARTA?

Watch the video and complete the text with the correct word/words

This may look like a _____, unassuming piece of _____, but it's actually one of the most famous _____ in the world. Magna Carta, meaning 'the Great Charter', has inspired people _____ the centuries, from Thomas Jefferson to Mahatma Gandhi. But why was the charter _____ created? And what does it _____ say?

Let us take you back to _____ England. It's the year _____, and the ruler is _____. Many people believe that King John was one of the _____ kings in history. He _____ his former wife; he _____ his opponents to death; he allegedly _____ his own nephew, and pulled the _____ of the Irish Chiefs.

King John had imposed _____ taxes on his barons in order to pay for his _____ foreign _____. If they _____ to pay, he punished them severely or _____ their property. The barons demanded that King John _____ the law; when he refused, they _____ London and John was forced to _____.

The two sides _____ at Runnymede in _____ 1215. The result of the _____ was written down by the king's _____ in the document we know as Magna Carta. _____h most of the charter's clauses _____ medieval rights and customs, Magna Carta has become a _____ symbol of liberty around the _____.

The most famous _____, which is still part of the _____ today, for the first time _____ all 'free men' the right to justice and a _____ trial.

'No man shall be _____ or imprisoned except by the judgment of their _____ and by the law of the _____. To no one will we sell, to no one _____ or delay right or _____.'

However, this clause was not as _____ as it sounds. The Charter only _____ to 'free men', the vast majority of people in 1215 were _____ peasants who were ruled over by their _____.

And although Magna Carta was _____ to create peace between King John and his _____ barons, England _____ into civil war after the Pope declared the Charter _____.

When King John died of dysentery in _____, nine year old Henry III _____ the throne. To keep the peace, Magna Carta _____ several times during the 13th century, until it was _____ made part of English law.

Magna Carta _____ for 800 years, and is _____ in the United States Declaration of Independence and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Perhaps Magna Carta's most important _____ is that everyone – including our _____ – must _____ the law.

What started out as a document of specific _____ from a group of barons _____ an international symbol of _____, without which we _____ not have the _____ we value so much today.