

MAGNA CARTA AND ITS LEGACY

Watch the video and complete the gaps with the correct word or words.

This is the story of an 800 year old medieval document known as Magna Carta, or the '_____'. It's one of the most famous documents in the world. But how did this old piece of parchment become such a powerful symbol of our _____ and _____?

Magna Carta was granted in _____ and established for the first time that _____, even the king, _____. When Magna Carta _____ for the first time, it became the first _____ that all English lawyers studied. But many people didn't realise its _____. Shakespeare wrote a play about King _____ in which he _____ to mention Magna Carta.

In the _____, English lawyers used Magna Carta to _____ King Charles I. At this time, the king could ignore _____ and _____ anyone who _____ him. Inspired by Magna Carta, Sir Edward Coke wrote the _____, which set out to _____ the king's powers.

Around the same time, Magna Carta was taken _____ to America by the first British _____. Many American colonies based their _____ on Magna Carta. Then, in the 1770s the Americans _____ independence from Britain. Magna Carta became a _____ of American _____, and its principles were echoed in the _____ and the _____.

In 18th century _____, Magna Carta was used to protest against the _____ of the _____. At this time, people could be imprisoned _____ for criticising the king. When newspaper _____ John Wilkes was arrested _____ King George III, he used Magna Carta to fight for his _____. He _____ that ancient English liberties were _____. Wilkes's _____ showed Magna Carta on everything from posters to _____. You could say that Magna Carta _____!

In the _____, very few people had the _____ in Britain. A nationwide movement of _____ people known as the _____, inspired by Magna Carta, created a 'People's Charter' to fight for all men _____. Then, in the early 1900s the Suffragettes used Magna Carta to _____ that all women should have the _____ too.

_____, people across the _____ argued for rights _____ to those of British citizens. Gandhi _____ successfully for greater freedom for the Indian _____ in South Africa. He described the _____ as 'the Magna Carta of our _____ in this land.' In his famous speech from the _____, Nelson Mandela _____ his admiration for Magna Carta and for Western democracy, which he contrasted with the _____ South African _____.

Perhaps the _____ influence of Magna Carta today is the _____ Rights. Written after the _____ of World War II, the declaration _____ that people around the world _____ by fundamental human rights, _____ of their citizenship, race, _____ or _____. Eleanor Roosevelt _____ said that the Declaration may well _____ 'the international Magna Carta of all men _____'.

Although very few of Magna Carta's original _____ remain valid in English law, it continues to _____ people worldwide. Not a bad _____ for an 800 year old document!