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Magna Carta

TO NONE WILL WE DENY JUSTICE

COLOUR IN
THE BARON



USE THE MAGNA CARTA BANNERS TO FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS
THROUGHOUT THIS BOOKLET.

An Evil King

King John was the King of England in 1215. He was a _____ who ruled
unfairly and unjustly. He answered to no one.

King John did not think the _____ applied to him.

He stole land, _____ people, and starved them to death. He
had people jailed without trial and he gave big punishments for small crimes.

Whenever he needed more _____ he would increase taxes.

King John was so hated that no other King of England has ever been called John.

What makes a
good ruler?



Write what John
did to the people
in the pictures.



A New Idea

The solution to avoid war was to create a _____ treaty with the King.

This peace treaty was called the Great Charter, or in Latin, _____.

However, the Magna Carta was not a _____ treaty.

The Magna Carta did not demand that the King surrender.

The Magna Carta included a list of _____ and liberties that were under attack. It also gave people back their lands and many of the things the King had taken.

By putting his _____ on the Magna Carta the King avoided war. He agreed to respect the people's freedom and liberty and to follow the law himself.

How would you protect freedom and liberty?



Colouring in

THE KING AGREED TO OBEY THE LAW AND RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE

Find a word

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE

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C P R M R G B S Q C Y O M T Y S Y K
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AUSTRALIA
BARON
CASTLE
COURT
FREEDOM
HUMAN RIGHTS
JUSTICE
KING JOHN
PARLIAMENT
MAGNA CARTA
RUNNYMEDE
SEAL
TAX
TYRANT
WIDOW

Magna Carta Overview

MISSING WORD BOX

TRADITION
AUSTRALIA
KING
FREE
PEACEFULLY
FREEDOMS
MAGNA CARTA

The _____ was sealed by King John in 1215.

It said that the _____ had to follow the law.

It gave the people _____, and liberties.

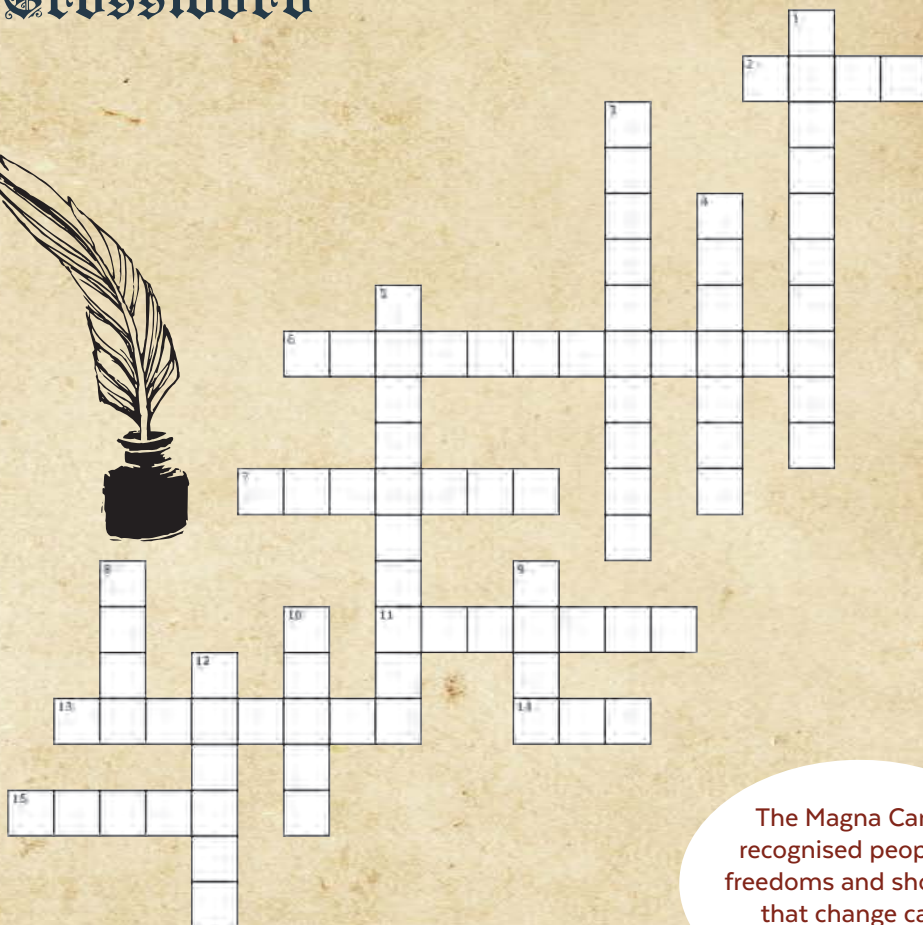
It showed that change can happen _____.

The Magna Carta created a _____ of peace, justice, and liberty.

It is these ideas that make _____ a great nation to live in.

Thanks to the Magna Carta we have a _____ and fair society.

Crossword



ACROSS

2. What John stole
6. English translation of 'Magna Carta'
7. Given by the Magna Carta
11. King John had to respect the Barons ...
13. How King John ruled
14. What everyone has to follow
15. Where a Judge works

DOWN

1. A document that shaped Australia
3. Where laws are made
4. A freedom in Clause 40
5. Magna Carta showed that change can happen this way
8. An evil King
9. An old signature
10. A land owner
12. Where a King lives

The Magna Carta recognised people's freedoms and showed that change can happen peacefully.



In Australia

The Magna Carta was used as a peaceful solution.

The tradition of freedom, _____, and peace was established. It is in this tradition that _____ has followed.

We have a strong sense of individual _____ and liberties, a sense of justice and fairness that comes from the Magna Carta.

We may not recite a clause from _____ but the passion that led the people who created the Magna Carta to seek justice lives on in our society, and leads us to do the same.

The Magna Carta encourages us to seek the _____ solution for real and lasting change.

The Magna Carta today

The Magna Carta tells us that the law applies to everyone equally, so that no one is above the law.

It tells us that the Courts must be independent, and easily accessed.

It tells us that the government should not interfere with a person's religion or their property.

It tells us that we are innocent until proven guilty.

And it began the tradition of democracy and parliament, where a ruler is accountable to the people.



Clauses from the Magna Carta

Clause 20

“A free man will not be amerced for a trivial offence except in accordance with the degree of the offence, and for a serious offence he will be amerced according to its gravity, saving his livelihood”

Clause 38

“Henceforth, no bailiff will put anyone on trial by his own unsupported allegation, without bringing credible witnesses to the charge.”

Clause 39


“No free man will be taken or imprisoned or disseised or outlawed or exiled or in any way ruined, nor shall we go or send against him, save by the lawful judgement of his peers or by the law of the land.”

Clause 40

“To no one shall we sell, to no one shall we deny or delay right or justice.”

Clause 45

“We shall not make justices, constables, sheriffs or bailiffs who do not know the law of the land and wish to observe it well.”



Which clause is most important today?

THE MAGNA CARTA COMMITTEE

The Magna Carta Committee was established to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta in Australia. It creates educational resources, organises events, and promotes awareness about the Magna Carta and the rule of law.

The Magna Carta Committee is a committee of the Rule of Law Institute of Australia.

For more information visit magnacarta.org.au

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WHAT IS THE RULE OF LAW?

The rule of law is the idea that no one, including the law maker, can break the law. It was this idea that was famously written down in the Magna Carta.

Over time the rule of law has come to include other concepts such as equality before the law and the independence of the judiciary.

For more information on the Magna Carta and to find the answers to the crossword go to magnacartalegacy.org

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