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Resources & Classroom Ideas - the Magna Carta



Teacher Resources

Content information and resources to further your understanding of the Magna Carta and its legacy.



The Magna Carta

By the United Kingdom Parliament

These web pages provide a straightforward summary of the history, significance, and legacy of the Magna Carta.



The legacy of the Magna Carta

Produced by the BBC

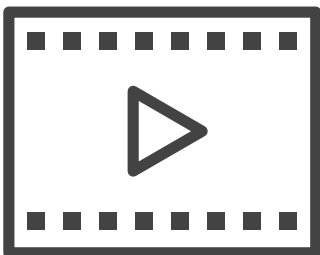
Hosted by Melvyn Bragg, this four-part radio series provides a thorough examination of the influence of the Magna Carta from medieval England to abroad today.



Australia's copy

by the Parliament of Australia

Did you know Australia has a copy of an edition of the Magna Carta? It is housed at Parliament House, and this web page outlines the history of the Magna Carta after King John.



Rights in the Australian Constitution

by Aussie Law

This video dives into the express and implied rights in the Australian Constitution. Presenter Renato Costa unpacks why Australia does not have a Bill of Rights but relies on the principle of responsible government.



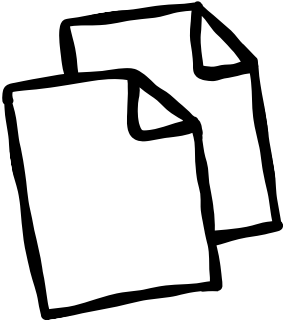
Freedom under law

By the UK Chertsey Museum

This online exhibition explores the influence of the Magna Carta, focusing on the establishment of fundamental legal ideas, freedom of speech, freedom of religion and personal liberties.

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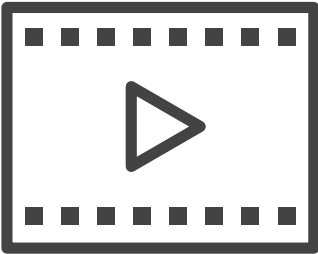
Valuable resources to further your students' learning



The Magna Carta

By the Parliamentary Education Office

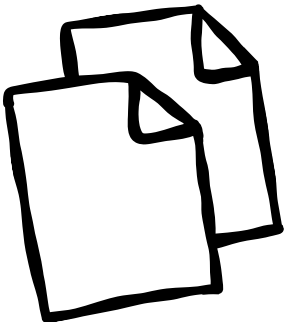
A fact sheet about the Magna Carta, the original and following editions, as well as its impact on basic rights today.



The story of our freedom

By the Australian Human Rights Commission

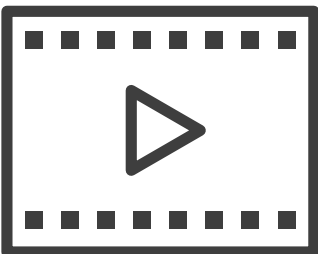
This video tells the story of the development and impact of the Magna Carta, from King John in 1215 to the establishment of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.



Rule of Law

By the Parliamentary Education Office

This fact sheet explains the rule of law principle and its application in Australian democracy.



What is the Magna Carta?

By ABC Education

An explainer video about how the Magna Carta came about and why it is still important today.



Magna Carta & modern Australia

By the Museum of Australian Democracy

Explore the original Latin text and discover Australian stories influenced by the principles of the Magna Carta.



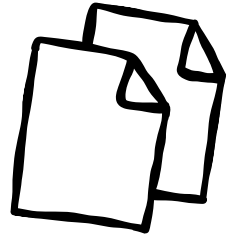
Classroom Activities

Ideas to engage your students with the history and impact of the Magna Carta



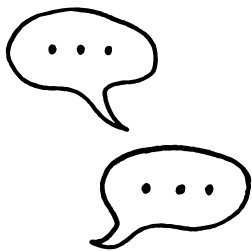
Create a class mind map of wonderings around the Magna Carta, rule of law and democracy.

Develop a glossary of new terms and ideas, including monarch, statue, baron, Latin, rule of law, and liberty.



Create your own comic strip to retell the story of the creation of the Magna Carta. Try [Pixton](#).

Record a class podcast on the origins of Australia's democratic values. Each episode could focus on an idea, such as freedom of speech, rule of law, and justice. Explore its beginnings and how it was adopted into Australia's system of democracy.



Negotiate and document a class charter outlining the rights and responsibilities of students and teacher on a set topic, such as homework or laptop usage in class.

Illustrate the impact of the Magna Carta on the king, barons, and villeins (the working class) through a venn diagram. Look at clauses 24, 30, 38, and 45 as a starting point.



Search for a political cartoon about the Magna Carta. Who is depicted and how? What idea do you think the cartoonist is trying to communicate? Is it positive or negative towards the Magna Carta?

