

What was the significance of the Magna Carta?

1. Colour code by shading the statements below which show that:

the Magna Carta was significant

the Magna Carta was not significant.



<p>America copied part of the Magna Carta. Parts of the constitution, written in 1776, read 'no freeman ought to be ... deprived of his life, liberty or property, but ... by the law of the land'.</p>	<p>The Magna Carta introduced the idea that there are laws that the king must accept.</p>
<p>The Magna Carta did not apply to peasants, only to rich men like the barons.</p>	<p>In the 17th century, during the English Civil War, the Magna Carta became very important as a symbol to show that kings were bound by law.</p>
<p>Magna Carta was the first document forced onto an English king by a group of his subjects (the barons) in an attempt to limit his powers by law and protect their privileges.</p>	<p>At the time, people thought that the Magna Carta was a failure.</p>
<p>In 2006, <i>BBC History</i> held a poll to recommend a date for a proposed 'Britain Day'. The 15th June, as the date of the signing of the original 1215 Magna Carta, received the most votes, above other suggestions such as D-Day, VE Day, and Remembrance Day.</p>	<p>Some of the clauses in the Magna Carta can be seen in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, drawn up in 1948.</p>
<p>After King John died in 1216 the Magna Carta became more important.</p>	<p>In practice, the Magna Carta mostly did not limit the power of kings in the medieval period.</p>
<p>Some of the laws are still important today, such as the one which says we cannot be punished without a fair trial.</p>	<p>The Magna Carta meant that the king had to ask for the advice of the barons and the bishops.</p>

2. Write ST on those statements which show that the Magna Carta was significant in the short-term (just after the Magna Carta was signed). Write LT on those statements which show that the Magna Carta was significant in the long-term.

3. According to a poll carried out by YouGov in 2008, 45% of the British public do not know what the Magna Carta is. It is your job to produce a public information poster to explain what it is and why it is so significant! Include the following points:

- what the Magna Carta is
- why it was introduced
- why it was significant then
- why it is significant now.