



Showdown at Runnymede, 1215

Name:

Date:

Class:

My level: ☐ Explorer ☐ Investigator ☐ Legend

Mission: King John taxes and imprisons whoever he likes. As a rebel baron, negotiate the charter that will limit his power. Read the actual clauses, watch the meters, and compare your choices with history.

Big question: How did Magna Carta limit the power of the king, and why does it matter today?

★ Warm-up: Class rules

Should the teacher follow class rules too?

If the teacher breaks a rule, what should happen?

Who should decide new rules?

Key vocabulary	
Magna Carta	"Great Charter" (1215) limiting the English king's power.
Baron	A powerful noble who held land from the king.
Rule of law	The idea that everyone, even rulers, must obey the law.
Due process	Fair legal procedures before punishment.

1 Box 1

Negotiate the charter

In the simulator: Make all 6 decisions and read the legacy.

What did you notice?

2 Box 2

Read the meters

Which clause most increased the ⚖️ "Rights under the law" meter?

☐ Clause 39: no imprisonment without lawful judgment ☐ Accepting a spoken promise ☐ Paying the taxes

3 Box 3

Then and now

Match each Magna Carta idea to the American idea it inspired.

Sort: "No taxation without representation" · The right to a trial by jury · Due process of law (5th Amendment) · Congress must approve taxes

Clause 12 (consent for taxes)	Clause 39 (lawful judgment)

Who was protected?

At first, who did Magna Carta mostly protect?

☐ Nobles and free men, not serfs ☐ Every person in England ☐ Only the king

4 Box 4

Why it matters (RACE)

Why is Magna Carta important to Americans today? Quote a clause.

Answer

Cite

Explain

5 Box 5

Legend: a charter for today Legend only

Write a "clause" for a student charter that limits the power of whoever makes the rules. Explain how it echoes Magna Carta.

Exit ticket: answer the big question in your own words

How did Magna Carta limit the power of the king, and why does it matter today?

Completion code:

Shown on the last screen of the simulator.