MAGNA CARTA

WHAT IS MAGNA CARTA?

Magna Carta means ‘’Great Charter’’ and is one of the most important documents in history which was signed by King John.

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xo4tUMdAMw

WHEN AND WHY WAS IT INTRODUCED?

King John was a King in England. He had to pay for his army and because he didn’t have enough money he taxed the barons. The barons rebelled and in 1215 Magna Carta was signed.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Magna Carta contained **63 clauses**, but nowadays, only 3 of 63 remain part of the English Law.

1. Refers to the liberties and rights of the English Church.
2. Confirms the liberties and customs of London and other towns.
3. No free man shall be seized or imprisoned, or stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed or exiled, or deprived of his standing in any way, nor will we proceed with force against him, or send others to do so, except by the lawful judgment of his equals or by the law of the land.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT NOWADAYS?

It is the first document that talks about human rights and it inspired people to adopt new documents talking more specifically about human rights.

- Magna Carta
- Declaration of individual liberty
- American Bill of Rights (1791)
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)

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ADVANTAGE:

This clause gave all free man the right to justice and a fair trial, which means that all free men who were arrested would be ensured a fair trial.

DISADVANTAGE:

However, the majority of the population in England were poor farmers, who could call for justice only through their lords.

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WHY IT IS IMPORTANT NOWADAYS:

Justice helps create a safe environment for the people. Without justice, there would be nothing to stop and punish people who do wrong things. With justice, we mean that we have set some rules, which all people need to follow. It could be anything from protecting citizens from a murderer or even just following simple instructions. If these rules are not followed by people, then they have to be punished. But it is the court of law that decides if one is guilty or not. In this way, all citizens will be protected and they won’t worry about their individual freedom.

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EXAMPLES:

1. In Europe we observe a lot of violations of justice.

- **Greece**, **Bulgaria**, **Poland** and **Romania** are the worst European Union countries when it comes to serving justice, according to a research led by the European courts.
- **Greece** had the highest number of violations - 108 - over a five year period.
- **Bulgaria** had 92.
- **Poland** 67 violations.
- **Romania** 49 violations.
- The **UK** 12 violations over a five year period.

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EXAMPLES:

In Germany the court of law took a wrong decision. This decision violates the human right which talks about freedom of choice and more specifically that of religious beliefs.

They voted that all Muslims girls have to swim in the same swimming pool with the boys at school.

A girl did not want this to happen and said that in her religion girls are not allowed to swim in the same place where boys do. Her parents went to the court, but this did not have a good result. The court ruled that the girl **must** swim with the boys and participate in this school activity.

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«To no one will we sell, to no one will we refuse or delay, right or justice».

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WHEN AND WHY IT WAS INTRODUCED:

It was introduced in 1215 and it ensures that nobody will be deprived of their rights, or have to pay for their rights, or be made to suffer by waiting for their rights.

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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT NOWADAYS?

It’s important today, because many people even now have a delay in justice and they wait for years until a court decides to hear them and determine if they are innocent.

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Nowadays in Europe, this law is applied to help people, but there are delays, as many judges are very busy and sometimes people are corrupt.

QUIZ…

- Magna Carta means «The Great Charter».
- Magna Carta was signed in 1215 .
- King John signed Magna Carta with the barons .
- Magna Carta contained 63 clauses.
- «To no one will we sell, to no one will we refuse or delay, right or justice».

THE END

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