

MAGNA CARTA



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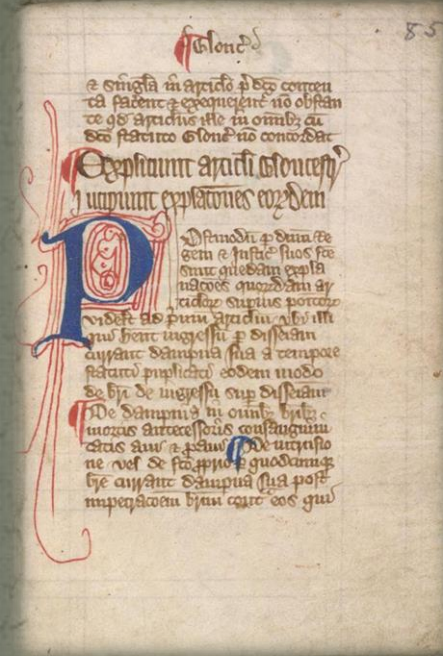
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AGENDA

- What is Magna Carta.
- When was it signed and by who.
- One of the laws and what it says.
- Why it was and still is important.(the law and Magna Carta)

What is Magna Carta

Magna Carta, which means 'The Great Charter', is one of the most important documents in history that was signed during the 13th-century. It includes the rights and liberties that limits the power of the king. The whole document is written in Latin. King John of England wanted to pay for his campaigns because he almost was at war with France. So, heavy taxes were put to the barons. As a result, a group of rebellious barons captured London in May 1215 and forced him to sign. Finally, he signed at Runnymede on 15 June. So, Magna Carta was created as a peace treaty between the king and the rebels.

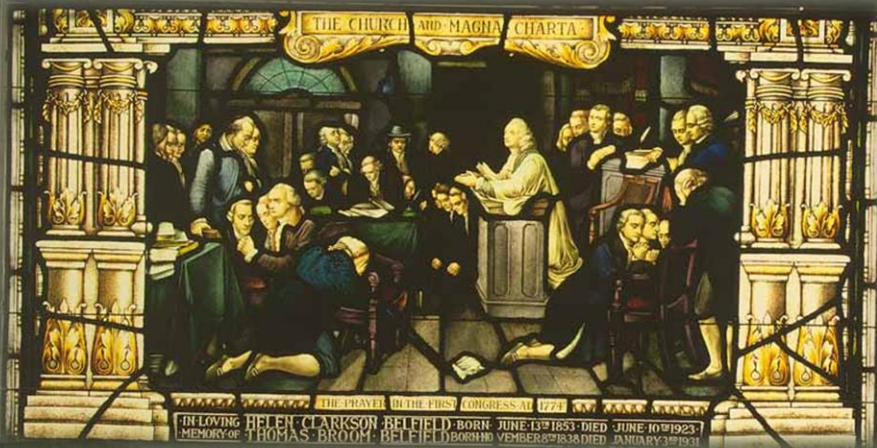


- Most of the 63 laws deal with the administration of justice. The document also protected the rights of the church. One clause defends the liberties and rights of the English Church, another confirms the liberties and the services of London and other towns, and the third gives all English subjects the right to justice and a fair trial.

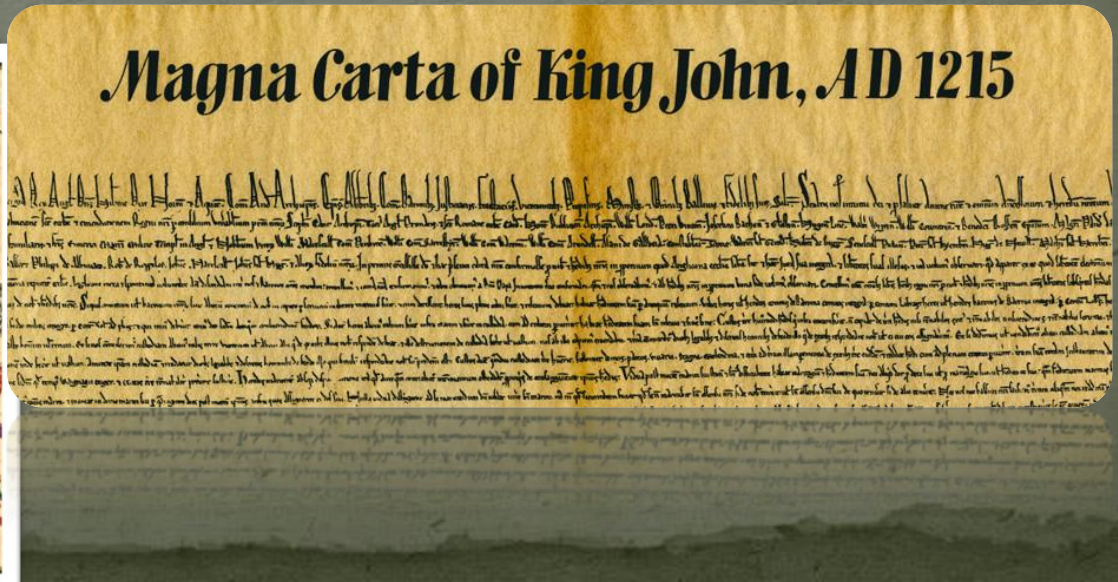
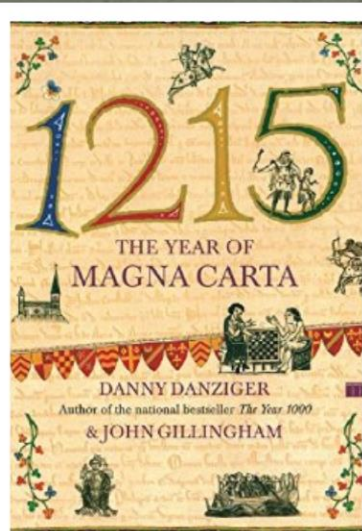


Law

- There are 63 laws and the one that stands out for us is the one that refers to the Jewish people. The clauses 10 and 11, try to limit the debts that the Jews used to pay. Also, the Church then did not want Jews to have a job in the financial sector.



- So, the clauses 10 and 11 forbid, in some way, the extra debts that the Jewish people should pay. As a result, the Jews were encouraged to work as bankers, without paying more loans for the king. With this law all the Jews were not afraid to speak and all the racist treatment against them came to an end at least for a while.



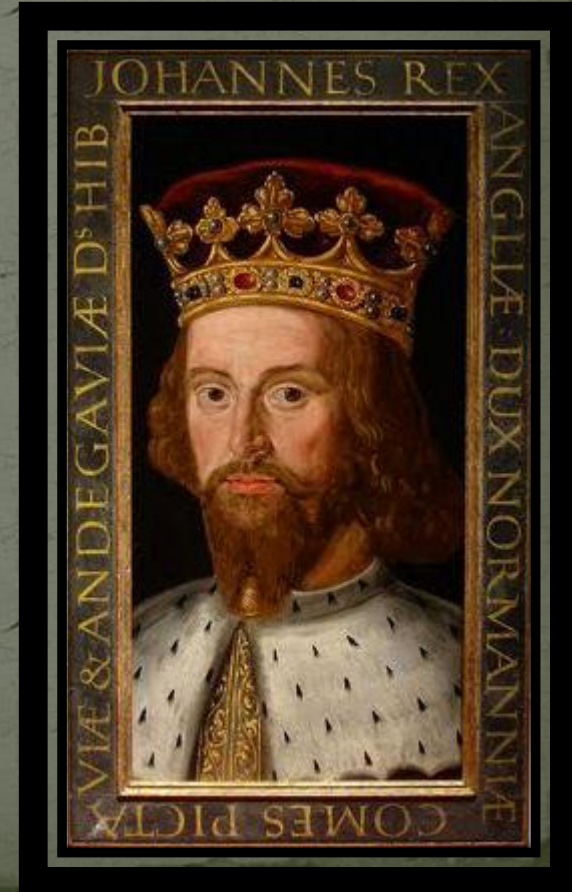
Why was it and still is important?

Because it was the first step towards helping England become a democratic country. The Magna Carta was used to control the power of monarchs at a time when monarchs on the mainland were extremely powerful. Finally, Magna Carta is still important because it is a source of liberty and it was one of the reasons that most countries believe in democracy.



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