

# Magna Carta.

## Teacher Resource

### Magna Carta timeline

- 1199 Accession of King John to throne
- 1203–4 John loses most of French territories, including Normandy
- 1204–12 Increased royal income, consolidating John's rule in Britain
- 1206 Stephen Langton appointed Archbishop of Canterbury; appointment opposed by John, contrary to Pope Innocent III's wishes
- 1208 Interdict of Pope Innocent III
- 1212 Welsh revolt; assassination plot against John
- 1213 Summer: John submits to Pope to gain his support; northern barons refuse to go to France
- 1214 February: John sails to France
- 1214 27 July: defeat of John's army at Bouvines, south-east of Lille
- 1215 7–15 January: confrontation between John and barons at the Temple; there being no credible alternative to John, barons demand a reissue of Henry 1's coronation charter of 1100
- 1215 9 May: John grants the City of London a charter allowing it to elect its own (Lord) mayor, hoping that the City would then support his cause
- 1215 17 May: barons take control of the City
- 1215 May/June: draft of MC known as the 'Articles of the Barons' produced
- 1215 15 June: Runnymede. **Four MCs of this date survive**
- 1215 July–August: phoney war, both sides manoeuvring and waiting for Pope's response
- 1215 24 August: papal bull issued denouncing MC
- 1215 Papal bull arrives in England early September; civil war breaks out, the barons inviting Prince Louis of France to take the throne
- 1215 December: advance French guard lands in England and occupies London
- 1216 22 May: Louis arrives in England

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- 1216 19 October: John dies at Newark of dysentery
- 1216 28 October: Henry III crowned at Gloucester
- 1216 November: MC reissued and sealed by the Papal legate  
**One MC of this date survives**
- 1217 20 May: Battle of Lincoln, defeat of Louis' army (turning point in civil war)
- 1217 September: Treaty of Lambeth whereby Louis relinquishes claim to the English throne. 28 September: Louis leaves England
- 1217 November: MC reissued; Forest Charter issued  
**Four MCs of this date survive**
- 1218 February: first appearance of name 'Magna Carta'
- 1225 Henry III reissues MC  
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- 1297 11 September: Battle of Stirling Bridge (William Wallace defeats Edward 1's army)
- 1297 12 October: Edward 1, needing more funds, reissues MC  
**Four MCs of this date survive** – one of which is held at London Metropolitan Archives. Other versions are held in the National Archives; one is on public display at the American National Archives in Washington DC and another is on display in Parliament House Canberra, Australia.
- 1300 MC reissued: multiple copies made for the last time