

Year 3 Magpies

History

Spring 1

Law and Power

Important People



Richard the Lionheart

King of England who became known as the 'Lion Heart', he was famous for his exploits in the Third Crusade. However, during his 10-year reign, he spent only six months in England.



King John

The youngest son of Henry II, he is best remembered as the king who signed the Magna Carta which limited the power of the monarchy. Some historians say he was one of the worst monarchs of England.



Henry III

The eldest son of King John, he became King at just 9 years old after his father died in 1216. The barons, led by Simon de Montfort forced him to agree to The Provisions of Oxford.

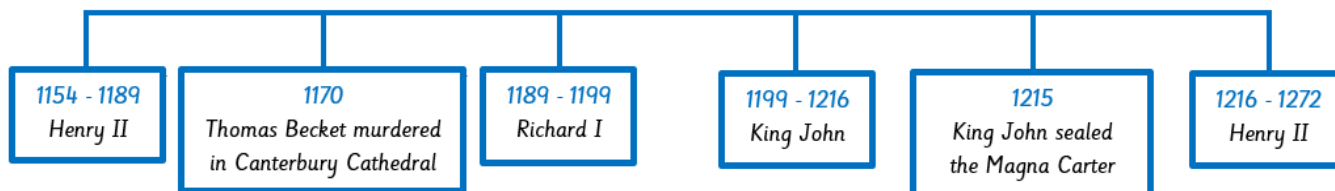
Key Vocabulary	Definition
baron	A very powerful and wealthy landowner.
burgh	A medieval area of land.
crusade	A fight or campaign to change something.
Holy Land	A medieval area of land
Jerusalem	It is one of the oldest cities in the world and is considered to be a holy city for the three major Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
jury	A group of people that make a decision on someone's guilt based on evidence given
knight	A king's soldier who wore armour
Magna Carta	A document of rules sealed by King John in 1215.
parliament	A group of people that make laws for everybody to follow.
sacred	Something with a religious or spiritual connection.
The Crusades	A series of invasions of Muslim controlled territory in the Holy land by Christian armies.
trial by ordeal	To decide someone's guilty by use of a cruel test.
tyrant	A cruel and oppressive leader.
Rule of law	A set of rules that must be followed.

The Magna Carta

The Magna Carta (Great Charter) was signed by King John on 15th June 1215 at Runnymede. It stated that everyone in the country must stick to the laws, and had a right to justice and a fair trial. Its goal was to make sure that everyone was treated fairly, under the same rules - even the King! It also allowed anyone to own and inherit property. Only four copies of the Magna Carta exist; two are in the British Library, one is in Salisbury Cathedral and one is in Lincoln Castle.



Timeline of important events.



Feudal system

A system by which people were given land and protection by those of a higher rank. They worked and fought for them in return.

