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History

Topic Title: Why is the Magna Carta historically significant?
In this topic you will be learning about how restrictions were first placed on the powers of the King in 1215 and how this has reverberated throughout British and world history.

You will be looking at why the Magna Carta was signed in the first place, how it was used in the English Civil War, the American Revolutionary Wars and as the foundation of modern Human Rights

Keyword	Definition
Magna Carta	The Great Charter, a document signed by King John in 1215 that guaranteed some rights and privileges to English people.
Excommunicated	To be expelled from the Church
Barons	A member of the nobility, wealthy and powerful people
Widow	a woman who has lost her spouse by death and has not married again.
Civil War	A war fought between two sides in the same country
American War of Independence	War where the American colonies rebelled against Britain and set up their own government
Suffragettes	Group of women who campaigned for the right to vote (the suffrage)
Human Rights	the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person in the world, from birth until death
Significance	The impact of a historical event throughout time
Criteria	Things we use to judge and compare significance