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Magna Carta: Cloze Activity

Fill in the blanks in the text below.

Word Bank:

Magna Carta	Medieval	Church	government
unfair	Magna	England	Latin
barons	taxes	trial	law
unpopularity	power	Constitution	wars

The Magna Carta is an important historical document that took some _____ away from the English king and gave some rights and freedoms to the nobility. Magna Carta means "Great Charter" in _____.

On June 15, 1215, the barons of _____ England confronted King John and forced him to accept the _____. King John had been an unpopular king who abused his power, oppressed his subjects, and angered the _____ by increasing _____ and demanding many soldiers for his _____ with France. King John quarreled with the Pope in 1209, who cancelled _____ services in England as a result, further increasing King John's _____ with the English nobility.

The barons wrote the _____ Carta, which contained 63 clauses promising all freemen access to courts and a public _____, eliminating _____ fines and punishments, giving power to the Catholic Church in England, and addressing many lesser issues.

Although King John violated many of the clauses in the Magna Carta, later kings of _____ were eventually forced to accept it. Magna Carta is important because it was the first time the King himself had to accept the rule of _____.

The Magna Carta was one of the forerunners of modern British law, the US _____ and its Amendments (the _____ of Rights), and the guiding documents of many other countries that have further expanded the rights and liberties of the people and limited the power of the _____.