

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a clear understanding of the significance of the Magna Carta in Australia, its historical context, and its impact on modern democracy and legal systems. The student will also engage in interactive activities that reinforce their learning.

## Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen for taking notes
- Access to a computer or tablet for research (optional)
- Printable Magna Carta timeline (can be created by the teacher)
- Art supplies (paper, markers, colored pencils) for creative activities
- Access to a library or online resources for additional reading

## Activities

### • Magna Carta Timeline Creation

The student will create a timeline of key events surrounding the Magna Carta, including its signing in 1215 and its influence on Australian law. This will help the student visualize the historical context and the evolution of legal principles.

### • Role Play: The Barons and King John

The student will engage in a role-play activity where they will act as either King John or one of the barons negotiating the terms of the Magna Carta. This will encourage empathy and a deeper understanding of the conflicts that led to its creation.

### • Creative Poster Making

The student will design a poster highlighting the main principles of the Magna Carta and its relevance today. This can include illustrations, quotes, and key facts that emphasize its importance in shaping democracy.

### • Discussion and Reflection

After completing the activities, the student will participate in a discussion to reflect on what they learned about the Magna Carta and its significance in Australia. They can share their thoughts and insights with the teacher or family members.

## Talking Points

- "The Magna Carta was signed in 1215 and is often considered one of the first steps toward modern democracy."
- "It established the principle that everyone, including the king, is subject to the law."
- "In Australia, the Magna Carta influenced the development of our legal system and the protection of individual rights."
- "Many of the rights we enjoy today, such as due process and the right to a fair trial, have their roots in the Magna Carta."
- "The Magna Carta is not just a historical document; it represents the ongoing struggle for freedom and justice."