



History:

Who were the early law makers?

Background Understanding

We will be looking at how the past has shaped how our country makes and upholds laws. We will go back to 1215 with King John and the signing of the Magna Carta, a book of laws which ensures that every person is accountable to - it doesn't matter whether you are royal or a commoner! You can see the actual Magna Carta at Lincoln Castle! We move on to look at democracy and the first parliament of England and its founders in around 1264.

We then continue to look at how laws are made today and who upholds our laws today.

Key vocabulary

Magna Carta	The Great Charter (book of Laws) that was created in 1215 to ensure that no-one is above the law.
Democracy	Is a form of government in which the common people hold power and can rule either directly or through chosen people
Law	A system of rules which a particular country recognises and which it may enforce by giving people who break them penalties or punishments
Punishment	Where a country or area gives out sanction for someone who breaks a law.

Key dates

1215	The Magna Carta was agreed and signed at Runnymede
1265	Simon De Montfort's first parliament and the beginnings of modern government
1974	Street artist Banksy is born
2021	A piece of art called "Love Is In The Bin" by Banksy sold to an anonymous buyer for £18.6 million!



Banksy is a British street artist who is famous for his graffiti art. We be exploring Banksy's work and discussing whether his work is illegal, and whether he should receive a punishment for his rule breaking or whether it is art and it should be allowed.



The Magna Carta being signed at Runnymede by King John.



Simon De Montfort