Magna Carta



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Runnymede - made famous in the early 13th century as the place where King John agreed to the Magna Carta (the "Great Charter") - is not far from Windsor Castle. Image of Runnymede by Wyrdlight, online courtesy Wikimedia Commons. License: <u>CC BY 3.0</u>

At Runnymede, at Runnymede, Your rights were won At <u>Runnymede</u>!

Rudyard Kipling Popular British writer of stories and poems 1865-1936.

King John (Lackland) was a bad king. At least, that's how history remembers him.

According to legend, he gave <u>Robin Hood</u> (also called Robin Longstride and Robin of Locksley) - the heroic archer of Sherwood Forest who <u>died</u> a <u>treacherous death</u> - a terrible time.

He tried to steal the throne from his brother, Richard the Lionheart, while Richard was out of the country.

He was a lousy son to his mother, the famous <u>Eleanor of Aquitaine</u> (once <u>portrayed by</u> Katherine Hepburn).

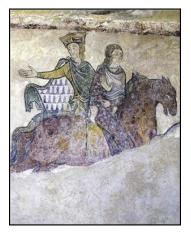
Yet ... <u>King John</u> gave his barons (and ultimately the world) the <u>Magna Carta</u>, one of the greatest legal documents ever written and a cornerstone of modern national constitutions.

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Robin Hood - Robin Longstride

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Richard I - The Lionheart

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