

## **Activity 1: Introduction to Magna Carta**

(in conjunction with the <u>LaunchPad</u> [http://edsitement.neh.gov/LaunchPad/Launch-Magna\_Carta737-01.html])

Student Name	Date

Identify the chapters and evidence for four key themes covered in Magna Carta.

THEME	Chapter #	EVIDENCE
1. Rule of law		
Powers and privileges of the king are clearly defined and limited Charter provides for enforcement of restrictions placed on the king		
2. Fairness of the laws and their execution		
"Reasonable" rules and regulations Equal justice under the law Recognition of customs, traditions, and established rights Restoration of property and fines if not justly taken Punishment in proportion to the crime		
3. Commitment to "due process of law"		
Established procedures No trial without evidence/testimony to support accusations Reliance on local courts and magistrates Trials held in a timely manner Trials open to the public Trial by a jury of one's peers		
4. Respect for economic rights		
Right to property Fairness in economic transactions – standard weights and measures Reimbursement for and/or restoration of property Freedom for merchants to move in order to conduct business		

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