Bad King John and the Magna Carta

World History
Grade 10

King John of England

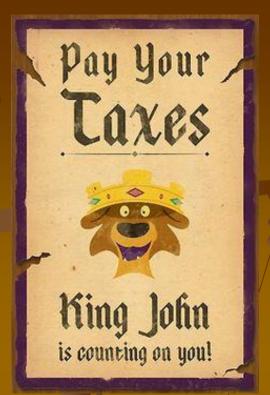
- Younger brother of King Richard
 - No set rules to define line of succession
 - Richard left to fight in the 3rd crusade
 - Early 13th century John was crowned King of England instead of Richard's son, Arthur
- Described by historians as:
 - Clever
 - Greedy
 - Cruel
 - Untrustworthy
 - Weak military leader

King John's reign of troubles

- Three powerful enemies
 - King Phillip II of France
 - 1205 lost war to King Phillip
 - Gave up English-held lands in Anjou and Normandy
 - Pope Innocent III
 - Disagreed as to how the Archbishop of Canterbury was to be elected
 - Excommunicated King John in 1209
 - English nobles
 - rebelled

Rebellion.....

- King John angered his nobles
 - Oppressive taxes
 - Increased taxes to pay for armies
 - Imposed the first income tax
 - Other abuses of power
- Nobles forced King John to sign Magna Carta
 - At Runnymede
 - Affixed his Great Seal
 - June 19, 1215





Magna Carta

- Originally written
 - in Latin
 - because of disagreements between the Pope, King John and his English barons
 - About the rights of the King
- Misconceptions:
 - the first document to limit power of an English king by law
 - in practice limited power of the king
 - is a single static document

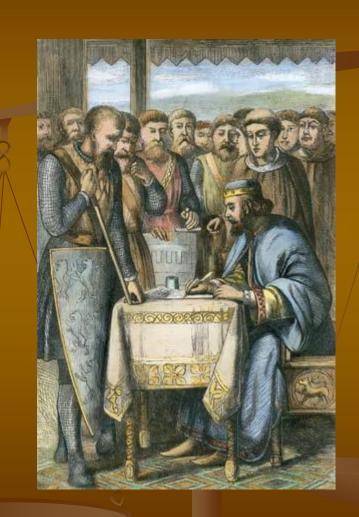




Magna Carta, 1215

- a King John I forced to accept it.
- a A list of demands made by the nobility.
- a Created a CONTRACT between the king and the aristocracy.
- a Established principles which limited the power of the king:
 - Established basic legal rights.
 - The king must ask for popular consent for taxes.
 - Accused must have jury trial.

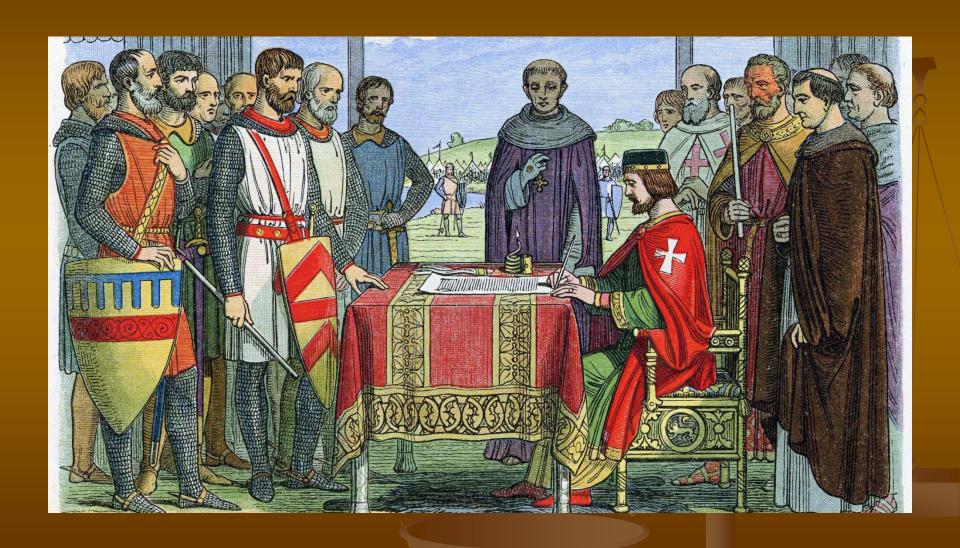
- 1215 barons had enough & listed their grievances
- List became known as Magna Carta (Great Charter)
- John met barons at Runnymede
- It introduced the idea that even the king must obey some laws!



Magna Carta



- The king must not interfere with the Church
- When a baron inherits land he should pay the king no more than £100
- The king cannot collect new taxes unless the barons and bishops agree
- No freeman can be put in prison without trial by a jury
- Justice will be without delays or bribes
- Traders must be able to travel freely without having to pay tolls
- The King's men must not take anyone's goods without paying for them.
- As soon as peace is restored, all foreign merchants should leave the country.



Legacy of the Magna Carta

- The right of Habeas Corpus
 - You cannot be imprisoned without being charged for a crime
- Guarantees a right to due process
 - No Freeman shall be taken or imprisoned....We will sell to no man, we will not deny or defer to any man either Justice or Right.
- Greatly influenced the U. S. Constitution

Magna Carta's influence

- We cannot be punished without a fair trial
- We cannot be taxed unfairly
- America included part of MC in its constitution (1776):
- No person shall be held to answer for a crime without trial by jury, nor shall their life, liberty and property be taken without following the law"

Magna Carta Today

Original document

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Death of King John

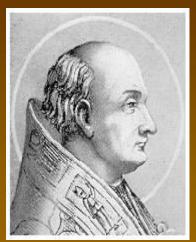
- October 18, 1216
 - Died during the First Barons' War
 - From dysentery
 - 9 year-old- son Henry III next in line to throne
 - Crowned late October, 1216

A Rift Develops

■ In 730, Byzantine Emperor Leo III passionately joined the ranks of iconoclasts; he banned icons and ordered all religious images be burned, whitewashed or destroyed.

 Pope Gregory III, favored icons and excommunicated (to kick out of the Church forever) Emperor Leo.





EMPEROR LEO III : BYZANTINE EMPIRE (EAST)



The Great Schism (SPLIT)

- After decades of controversy the Byzantines finally accepted icons.
- In 1054 the Christian church split into 2 churches forever. In the West; the Roman Catholic (universal) Church. In the East; the Eastern Orthodox (correct belief) Church.

The West - Roman Catholic Church

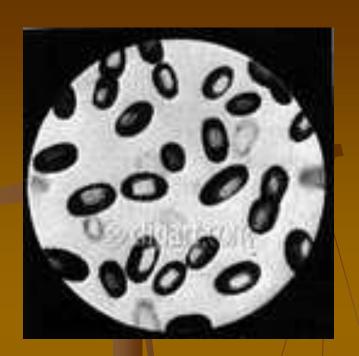
- All Mass was in Latin
- clergy were celibate
- Religious icons of martyrs and saints to be respected
- Only Pope was Supreme head of Church in the West - above any political ruler
- Pope and Bishops could interpret the scriptures.

The East- Orthodox Church

- "Mass" was in Greek so everyone could understand.
 - Monks who did missionary work often converted it into the language of the people they were trying to convert
- Emperor was superior to Patriarch of Constantinople.
- Bishops couldn't marry
 - Other priest didn't have to be celibate
- Icons caused much controversy used but disapproved of.

Bubonic plague

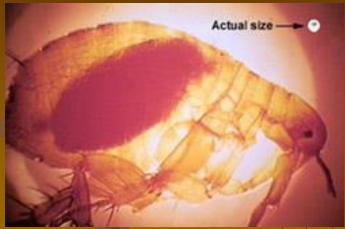
- A highly contagious bacteria that attacks the immune system causing severe infection.
- Some symptoms can include:
 - chills, fever, diarrhea, headaches, convulsive coughing, spitting blood, swelling of the infected lymph nodes, and black patches on the skin.





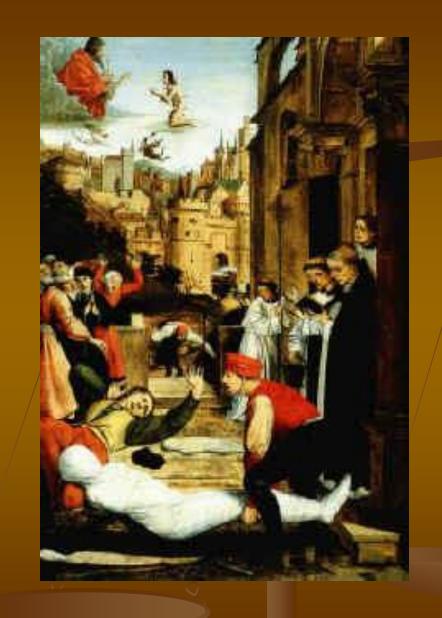
Transmission of the Bubonic Plague

- The Plague began in China killing an estimated 35 million people and was carried west upon the many trade routes between China and Europe
- The Plague was carried primarily by rats and rat fleas which could jump from person to person, bite them and infect them.
- Expansive trade networks and the utter filth of European cities allowed the plague to spread quickly throughout all parts of Europe.





If you have a weak stomach, you might want to look away...



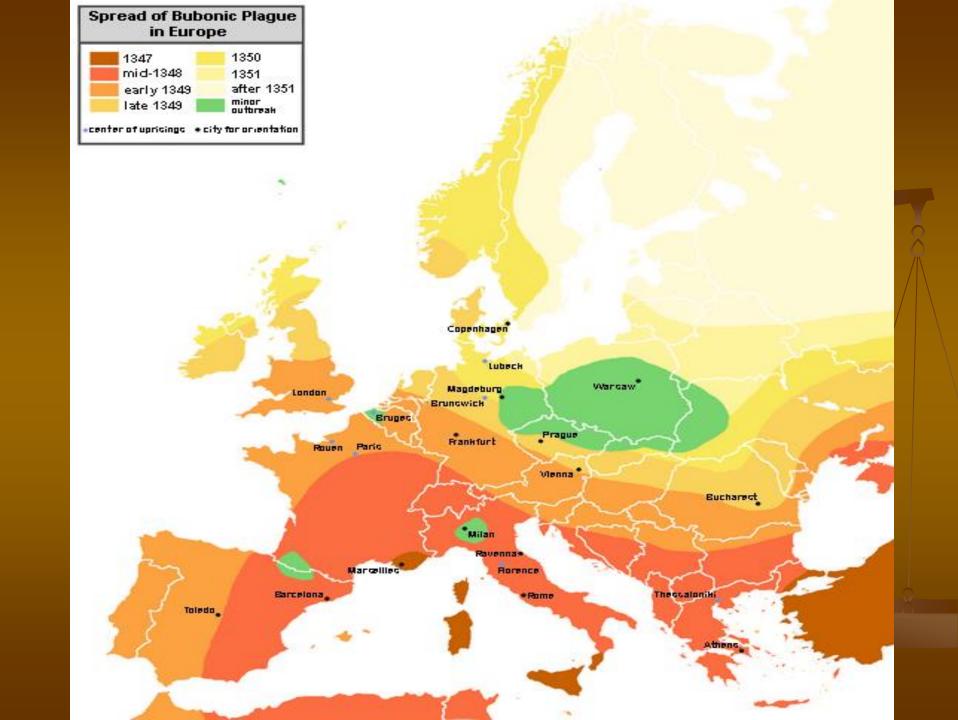
Pictures of bubonic plague





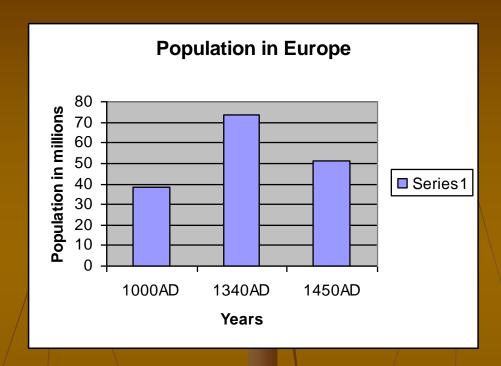






Death Toll

- 1 out of every 3 people died in Europe. (This was about 20-25 Million People)
- Almost 75 Million are estimated to have died world wide.



■ There were so many dead bodies in the cities, that many people threw there dead bodies out in the street

"The Black Death"

Effects of the Plague

 Merchants died causing trade to significantly decline and in turn raised prices



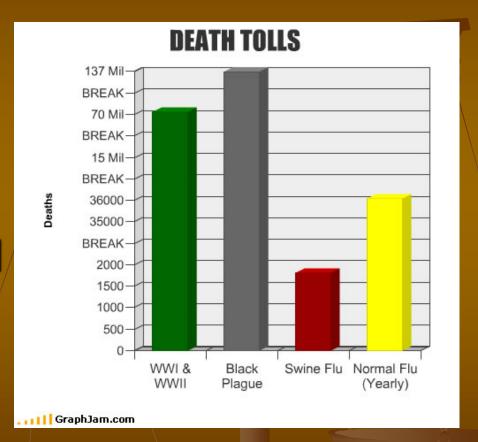
 This all led to peasant revolts because their wages are no longer sufficient to live off of.





The Jewish population was blamed for the plague and in some cases they were slaughtered because of it.

 Church's power was significantly weakened.

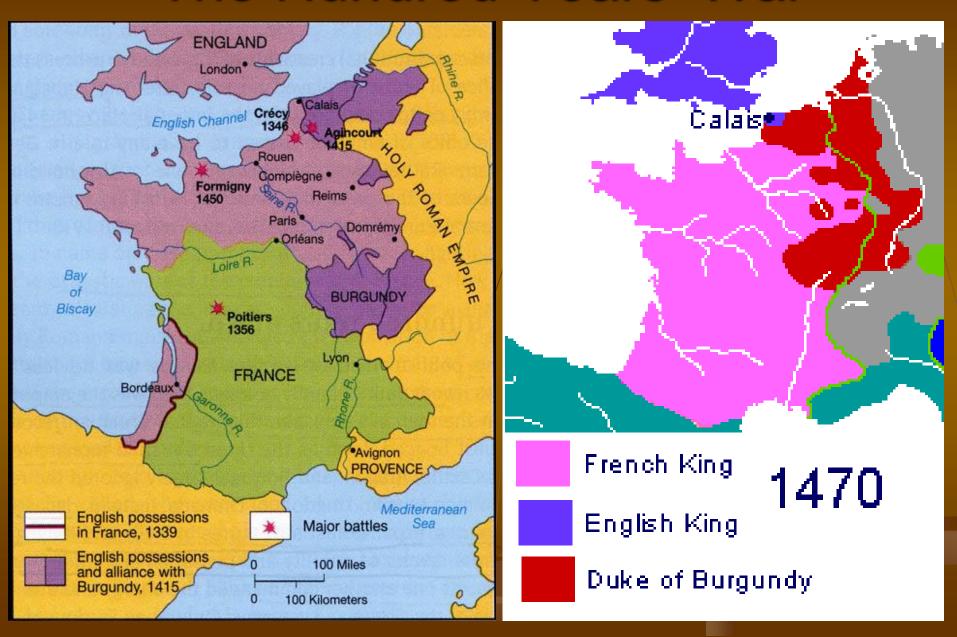


The Hundred Years' War

- Yes it lasted for about 100 years. (Approximately 1337-1453)
- It begun when the French king died without a successor and the English king claimed it for himself. (Due to his Norman Heritage)
- This war was fought on French soil and significantly changed medieval society and the style of European warfare.



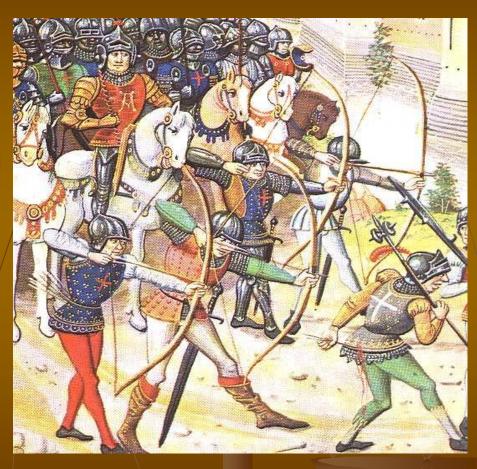
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Changing Warfare

The English Longbow (6 ft. tall) was introduced during the Hundred Years War and could fire 3 arrows in the time a French crossbowman could fire one arrow.

■ It allowed archers to pierce medieval armor reducing the impact of mounted cavalry and custom plate armor.



The Cannon was also introduced at the end of the war and allowed the French to lay siege to and capture most of the English strongholds.







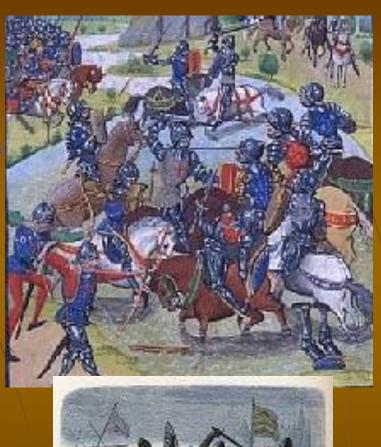
Wars End

- Joan of Arc helped end the war by leading French forces to victory at a fort city near Orleans. This then allowed Charles VII to solidify his position as king of France.
- Joan of Arc was later captured by the English and burnt at the stake for being a 'witch'.
- Her death helped to further motivate the French for she was seen as a martyr.

Impact of the War

 A feeling of <u>nationalism</u> emerged in England and France. People saw the king as a <u>national</u> leader and fought for their country not simply their feudal lord.

Power and prestige of the French monarch increased.





 England suffered internal turmoil and wars over the English crown.

 Introduction of new weapons changes the history of warfare.

