

Magna Carta: foundation of freedom or symbolic statute?

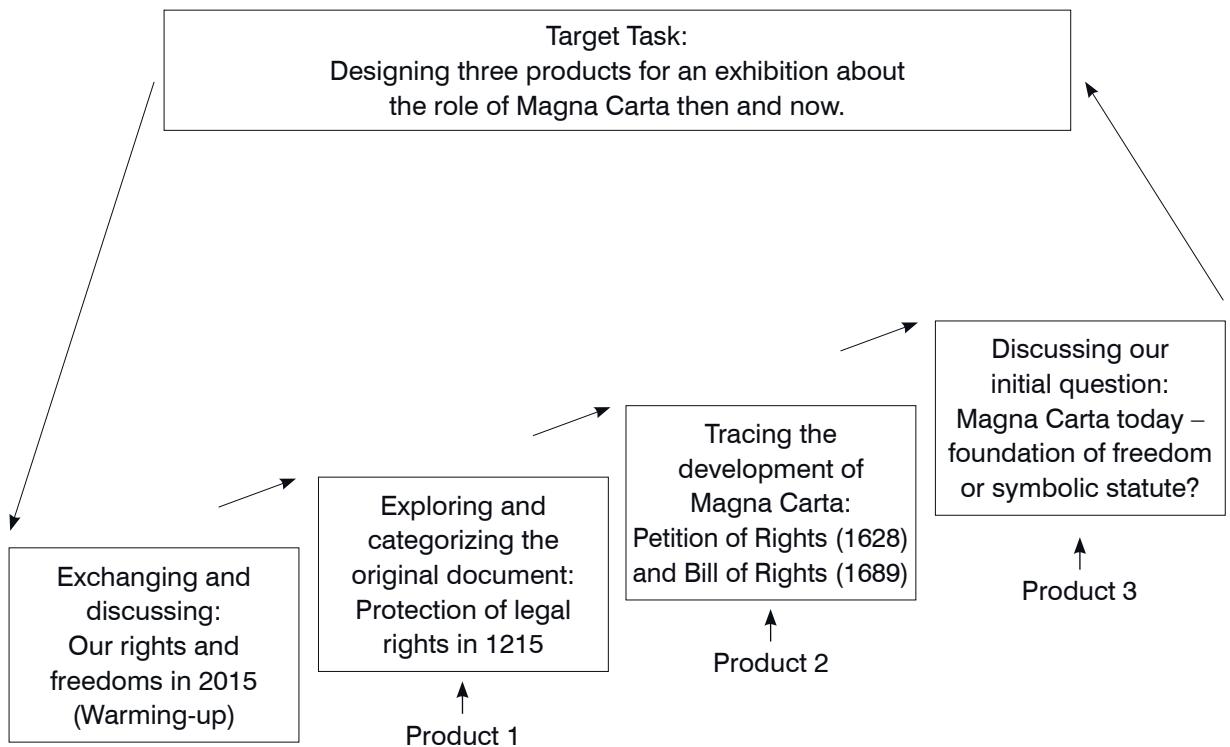
In 2015, Magna Carta celebrates its 800th anniversary. Back in 1215, it redefined the relationship between the English King and his (feudal) subjects by restricting the King's and protecting the subjects' rights.

In order to remember Magna Carta, its development and its relevance for today, the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom is planning an interactive exhibition which will focus on three major aspects:

1. The importance of Magna Carta back in 1215.
2. The legal significance of Magna Carta from past to present.
3. The protection of rights today. [cf. <http://magnacarta800th.com/projects/round-2-grants/the-impact-of-the-magna-carta-on-the-way-we-live>]

We are going to contribute to this exhibition. This is how we are going to proceed:

Advance Organizer: Magna Carta 1215 – Foundation of Freedom or Symbolic Statute?



You are going to work in three groups.

Each group will work on one product for the Magna Carta exhibition.

However, all three groups will have to follow all four steps in order to be equipped with the necessary background information.

Decide which product best reflects to mirror your working process and your results.

Make sure it is suited to the concept of an interactive exhibition.

Before you start, make a draft and discuss it with your teacher.

Ideas for products:

- fictitious newspaper article from 1215/1628/1689
- role play (in written form and to be acted out): king vs. barons – negotiations/justifications
- historians' "round table talks"/talk show
- speech at the opening of the exhibition/to commemorate ...
- ... or anything else that meets the criteria above