

MAGNA CARTA HISTORY TIMELINE

1199

ACCESSION OF KING JOHN

John succeeds his brother, Richard the Lionheart, inheriting debts and conflict.

1214

BATTLE OF BOUVINES

John's defeat in France leads to higher taxes and baron unrest.

June 1215

RUNNYMEDE SIGNING

King John meets rebel barons and seals the original Great Charter.

August 1215

PAPAL ANNULMENT

Pope Innocent III declares the charter null and void, sparking war.

1216

DEATH OF KING JOHN

The King dies; the charter is reissued on behalf of the young Henry III.

1225

THE DEFINITIVE VERSION

Henry III issues a revised version that becomes the basis for English law.

1297

STATUTE ROLL

Edward I confirms the Magna Carta, officially entering it into the Statute Rolls.