



Magna Carta: The Foundation of the Rule of Law

Watch the video explaining the Magna Carta and fill in the gaps: The video can be found at <https://www.ruleoflaw.org.au/what-is-the-rule-of-law/>

What is the Rule of Law?

The rule of law underpins our democratic society through _____ – the people have all the power. It protects our _____ and shields us from those in positions of influence, who think the law does not always _____ to them.

What is the Magna Carta?

The Magna Carta, which is Latin for _____, was a list of _____ and _____ forced on the evil King, John of England.

The _____ established the _____ and the idea that all citizens, including those in power, should be _____ and _____ ruled by the law.

The King is No Longer Above the Law

The King was now _____ to follow the laws of the land – even though he was the _____!

This outcome is the main principle of the rule of law – _____ is above the law.

Under the rule of law, _____, including the _____ and law enforcement officers, must follow the law. There are _____ exceptions.

We are Ruled by the Law and the Law Alone

Punishment could only be for a _____ in the law, and nothing else. The punishment must also be _____ and _____ the crime committed.

Qualified Independent Judiciary

Independent meant not under _____ control of the _____.

Mechanisms are provided in The Australian Constitution to ensure _____ in all decision-making processes, such as _____ and _____. One of the most important examples of this process includes the _____ of powers.

This means our judges remain separate from those who make the laws – the _____.

Confidence in Fair Process

A fair trial:

- a. Includes an _____ court.
- b. Is open to the _____.
- c. Is held _____ and without undue delay.
- d. Considers the accused _____ until proven _____.

Known by All

The Magna Carta was sent out to all the _____ and _____. This way, the law was widely _____, and every person knew the _____ was also required to follow the law.

The Magna Carta is foundational to providing Australia with a _____ and _____ society.

Answers in order. Make sure to only look at these after you have filled in the gaps!

Representative government, rights, apply, The Great Charter, demands, expectations, Magna Carta, rule of law, fairly, equally, expected, King, no one, everyone, Prime Minister, no, breach, fair, fit, coercive, King, independence, checks, balances, separation, Legislature, independent, public, promptly, innocent, guilty, towns, churches, known, King, safe, secure.