

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: RESPOND	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements.
TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
TASK 6: WORD SEARCH	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers as an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK


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Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

army	imprisoned	France
older	money	supported
King Philip II	taxes	land

In 1215, England's king John had gotten himself into a bad spot with the rest of his country as well as France. England and _____ had lots of military skirmishes in the late 1100s and early 1200s and France seemed to come out the winner of most of these battles. There was a lot of money that went into those battles. When England lost territory to France's _____, the English barons were not happy about the heavy _____ they were forced by the king to pay.

A baron was given his land directly from the king. These powerful nobles ruled large areas of _____ called fiefs. In return for the king's protection and land rights, the barons would pay him with soldiers and taxes. A baron's job was to maintain an _____ that was at the king's service when needed. If the barons did not have an army, they could be taxed by the king. This tax was called shield money.

The Crusades had also been costly for England. During the Crusades, John's _____ brother, Richard I (also known as Richard the Lionheart) had been captured and _____ by Germany. John paid the ransom to get his brother out of Germany, but it used up the country's funds (_____) greatly. Ransom is a payment demanded or paid for the release of a prisoner. Then, Richard I died without an heir and much of England was disappointed that John was next in line for the throne. An heir is the person who inherits money, property, or a title like king when someone dies.

John's nephew Arthur also claimed a right to the English crown. France _____ Arthur becoming king so there was more fighting with France. Eventually, Arthur was defeated. Many English citizens were also put off by the fact that King John was in the middle of a feud with the Catholic Pope, Innocent III.

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE



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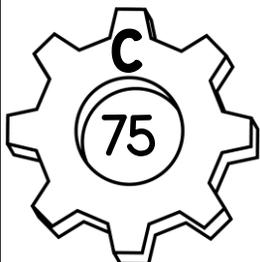
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



A. Sixty-three original copies of the Magna Carta were made and distributed.

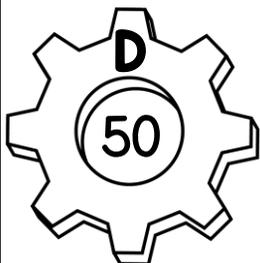


B. In May of 1215, 40 barons broke their ties to the king and formed an army.

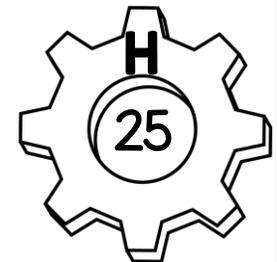


C. Richard I (also known as Richard the Lionheart) had been captured and imprisoned by Spain.

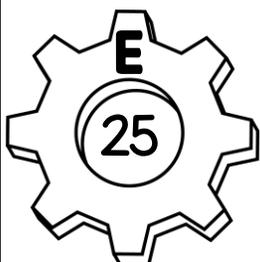
D. A baron was given his land directly from the king.



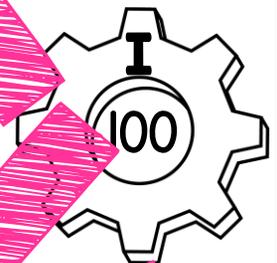
E. Magna Carta means "Great Charter".



F. Powerful nobles ruled large areas of land called fiefs.

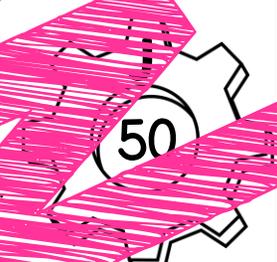


G. King John died of dysentery when he was 50.



H. An heir is the person who inherits money, property, or a title like king when someone dies.

I. Ransom is a payment demanded or paid for the release of a prisoner.



J. Runnymede was a neutral site just west of Rome.

TOTAL: _____

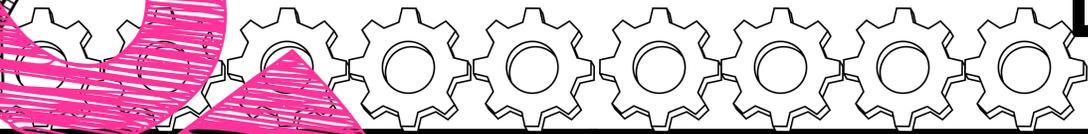
TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



1. At the time, who was the King of France?

- A. King John
- B. King Philip I
- C. King Henry III
- D. King George II

6. How many clauses does the Magna Carta have?

- A. 43
- B. 53
- C. 63
- D. 73

2. During the Crusades, Richard I was captured by what country?

- A. Germany
- B. Spain
- C. France
- D. Italy

7. Pope ____ voided (canceled) the binding document.

- A. John IV
- B. Innocent IV
- C. John III
- D. Innocent III

3. How many copies of the Magna Carta exist today?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

8. ____ is a payment demanded or paid for the release of a prisoner.

- A. Heir
- B. Ransom
- C. Fair
- D. Baron

4. The barons demanded that King John sign the Magna Carta at ____.

- A. Runnymede
- B. Paris
- C. Berlin
- D. Oslo

9. Who took over after King John died?

- A. Robert I of Normandy
- B. Pope Innocent III
- C. King Henry III
- D. King George XII

5. What does the word Magna Carta mean?

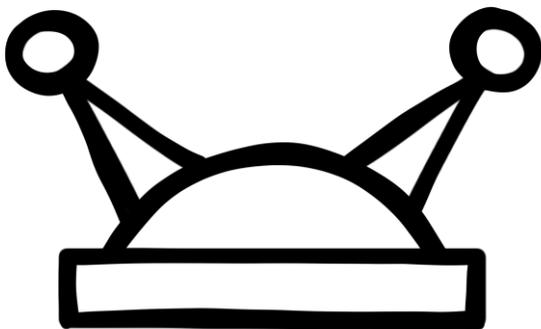
- A. Great Liberty
- B. Great Document
- C. Great King
- D. Great Charter

10. John's ____ Arthur also claimed a right to the English crown.

- A. Brother
- B. Father
- C. Cousin
- D. Nephew

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Complete all 6 tasks correctly, then color and assemble your robot.



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