Primary Documents Magna Carta For Kids

Covers 125 iconic primary source documents from ancient times to the present. Suitable for students conducting primary source research, this work includes iconic legal and constitutional documents such as the Code of Hammurabi, Magna Carta, Meiji Constitution, and African Union Constitutive Act.

This portfolio of primary source documents is designed to show in careful detail the significance of the Magna Carta.

Excerpt from Sources of Our Liberties: Documentary Origins of Individual Liberties in the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights The purpose of this book is to present in a single usable volume the historic documents constituting the major legal sources of our individual liberties. As Mr. Perry, the editor, says in his introductory note to the text of Magna Carta on page 1: "The liberties of the American citizen depend upon the existence of established and known rules of law limiting the authority and discretion of men wielding the power of government." The United States Constitution and Bill of Rights assert the existence of certain of these liberties as part of the fundamental law on which our government rests. But these great documents are not the only original sources. The rights there stated were established through generations of conflict and struggle. The great drama goes far back into English and American political history. It appears and reappears in documentary form, step by step, sometimes years apart, in royal concessions, in legislation, attempted legislation, popular compacts, colonial charters - all culminating finally, for the American citizen, in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Believing that too little is known of the solid foundation on which the structure of our individual liberties has long stood, the Committee on American Citizenship of the American Bar Association recommended that the major documents be re-examined and published as a single volume. The task was assigned to the American Bar Foundation, the research affiliate of the American Bar Association. This book is the result. The Foundation was fortunate to secure the services of Mr. Richard L. Peny, now of the District of Columbia Bar, to direct the research project and to act as editor. How well he fulfilled his task is evidenced by his excellent introduction to each document, by the careful, readable and scholarly annotations, by the list of reference works following each document, and by the general bibliography at the end of the book. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works. Written by a renown expert on the American Founding period, this book examines selections of key documents from 1215 through 1791 that were instrumental to the development of the U.S. Constitution and the American political tradition. Learn about the Magna Carta, an English charter that had great influence on the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Find out about those who were involved in its creation and why studying this primary source is so important.

Recent advances in technology have created easy access for classroom teachers and students alike to a vast store of primary sources. This fact accompanied by the growing emphasis on primary documents through education reform movements has created a need for active approaches to learning from such sources. Unpuzzling History with Primary Sources addresses this need. It looks at the role that primary sources can play in a social studies curriculum in the 21st century. Each chapter deals with a different aspect of teaching primary sources. Each chapter includes a discussion of key issues, model activities, and resources for upper elementary through high school teachers. A model lesson plan also appears at the end of most chapters. Chapter one presents a unique perspective on the nature of history and primary sources. Other chapters deal with individual types of primary sources. A glance at the table of contents will certainly draw the teacher's interest regardless of teaching style. The skills that students gain from working with primary sources prepare them for the many responsibilities and duties of being a citizen in a democracy. Therefore, the book closes with a chapter pointing to the relationship of primary sources to citizenship education. This book will be useful as a resource for teachers and might serve as a text for in-service, college methods courses, and school libraries. All four authors have experience in the K?12 classroom as well as social studies teacher education.

The Magna Carta is celebrated as one of the most important documents in human history. It is the main source of constitutional law around the world, promising people liberties and protection from the arbitrary power of the government.

Magna Carta

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Regarded by many as the classic work and primary source on Magna Carta this 1914 book from Professor William Sharp McKechnie is a timely and essential introduction to the
understanding of the historical background, origins and circumstances of "The Great Charter of the Liberties of England". It includes an in-depth historical introduction alongside the original Latin text, his translation and scholarly commentary. The Magna Carta was one of the foundations of English liberty. It was a prime influence on the early American colonists and the formation of the American Constitution in 1789, which became the supreme law of the land in the new republic of the United States. "A book remarkable alike for its solid learning, its fertility in suggestion, and its characteristic note of moderation and sweet reasonableness ... No one will close the book without feeling that his knowledge of Magna Carta has been greatly amplified and enriched ..." - The Times. "Of the great merit and value of the present essay there can, we think, be little doubt. The historical and juridical methods adopted by the author are sound and intelligent. His style is attractive and sufficiently concise, whilst his equipment for such a formidable task is very considerable. As the result of these elaborate studies, we have an entirely new view of the Great Charter in its legal and constitutional aspects and political environment." - Athenaeum. "Mr. McKechnie's work is of such great value that no historian can afford to neglect its clear and reasoned statements on all the questions which centre round the scene at Runnymede, and on the economic facts which led up to, and away from, that momentous conference." - Spectator. "Bears with it the collective wisdom of all the commentators, ancient and modern, dispassionately scrutinised and sifted with close and varied learning on medieval institutions ... It is a great theme, and to say that it is at last adequately treated, from the constitutional side, is well merited praise." - Juridical Review. "Few more readable books - except to those who can read nothing but fiction - have ever been written." - Liberty Review. "Students of the historical development of the law of the British Constitution owe a welcome to the appearance of this learned treatise, a work which brings the interpretation of a prime document of political liberty abreast of recent advances in knowledge which, in legal history no less than in other departments of inquiry, have brought in new views of old facts." - Scotsman. "Dr. McKechnie has given very satisfactory explanations of most of the knotty points of the Charter, and we may specially commend the sanity of his exposition of the constitutional clauses. Altogether his book is a useful and solid help in the study of the numerous difficulties involved in the text of the Great Charter." - Manchester Guardian. "It has already won its place as the standard treatise on the Great Charter." - Scottish Law Review. "Of permanent value to students of English constitutional history." - Annual Register. William Sharp McKechnie (1863 - 1930) was a Scottish scholar, historian, lecturer in Constitutional Law and History, and author of Magna Carta: A Commentary on the Great Charter of King John with an Historical Introduction. He later held the Chair of Conveyancing at the University of Glasgow from 1916 until 1927, and upon his retirement was awarded an honorary LL.D. Endeavour Press is the UK's leading independent digital publisher. For more information on our titles please sign up to our newsletter at www.endeavourpress.com. Each week you will receive updates on free and discounted ebooks. Follow us on Twitter: @EndeavourPress and on Facebook via http://on.fb.me/1HweQV7. We are always interested in hearing from readers. Endeavour Press believes that the future is now. Discusses the various aspects of the institution of a monarcy, including its history, ideology, key figures, and the future of the oldest political system.

Primary documents from 1215 to 1791, including Magna Carta, Ordinances of Virginia, Charter of Massachusetts Bay, Habeas Corpus Act, Declaration and Resolves of the First Continental Congress, and Declaration of Independence, among others.

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Key documents from all important world cultures are included, from the ancient Near East and ancient Egypt to the Greek and Roman Empires, medieval Islam, Renaissance Europe, and modern Africa and Asia. Constitutions, speeches, letters, acts, treaties, and legal cases are all covered. Among the documents included in the set are iconic legal and constitutional documents such as the Code of Hammurabi, Magna Carta, Meiji Constitution, and the Constitutive Act of the African Union; famous treaties such as the Plato's "Allegory of the Cave," the Communist Manifesto, and Osama bin Laden's Declaration of Jihad against America; important legislative acts from the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo to the Treaty of Nanjing to the Treaty of Versailles; and cultural and political declarations such as Martin Luther's 95 Theses, Gandhi's "Quit India" Speech, and Nelson Mandela's Inaugural Address. — From publisher description.

The Constitution of the State of South Carolina & Other Related Historical Documents is the only mass publication of the state's current constitution, which I have published by license of the Legislative Council. This is an exclusive. In addition, I have included all of the major documents of South Carolina's (& the South's) constitutional struggle for independence climaxing in 1860 with its secession from the Union. All of the documents included are unabridged & meant for the reader to trace the progression of history affecting the state based purely upon facts & original documents. Further, I have included historical documents of independence from England (Magna Carta) as well as the settlement & formation of American government for context. The issues of slavery, secession, Constitutional government, nullification, States rights, taxation & the principles of the Revolutionary War against England are dealt with in relation to the Southern battle for independence. The Confederate Battle Flag symbolizes this struggle. To summarize, this book takes the South Carolina reader through the history of independence of England, America & the Southern struggle up to the current State Constitution through primary documents without commentary.

A portrait of everyday life in thirteenth-century Britain chronicles the people and events leading up to the signing of the Magna Carta at Runnymede in June 1215.

"Dan Jones has an enviable gift for telling a dramatic story while at the same time inviting us to consider serious topics like liberty and the seeds of representative government." —Antonia Fraser From the New York Times bestselling author of The Plantagenets, a lively, action-packed history of how the Magna Carta came to be—by the author of Powers and Thrones. The Magna Carta is revered around the world as the founding document of Western liberty. Its principles—even its language—can be found in our Bill of Rights and in the Constitution. But what was this strange document and how did it gain such legendary status? Dan Jones takes us back to the turbulent year of 1215, when, beset by foreign crises and cornered by a growing domestic rebellion, King John reluctantly agreed to fix his seal to a document that would change the course of history. At the time of its creation the Magna Carta was just a peace treaty drafted by a group of rebel barons who were tired of the king's high taxes, arbitrary justice, and endless foreign wars. The fragile peace it established would last only two months, but its principles have
reverberated over the centuries. Jones's riveting narrative follows the story of the Magna Carta's creation, its failure, and the war that subsequently engulfed England, and charts the high points in its unexpected afterlife. Reissued by King John's successors it protected the Church, banned unlawful imprisonment, and set limits to the exercise of royal power. It established the principle that taxation must be tied to representation and paved the way for the creation of Parliament. In 1776 American patriots, inspired by that long-ago defiance, dared to pick up arms against another English king and to demand even more far-reaching rights. We think of the Declaration of Independence as our founding document but those who drafted it had their eye on the Magna Carta.

Many reference works offer compilations of critical documents covering individual liberty, local autonomy, constitutional order, and other issues that helped to shape the American political tradition. Yet few of those works are available in a form suitable for classroom use, and traditional textbooks give short shrift to these important issues. The American Republic overcomes that knowledge gap by providing, in a single volume, critical, original documents revealing the character of American discourse on the nature and importance of local government, the purposes of federal union, and the role of religion and tradition in forming America's drive for liberty. The American Republic is divided into nine sections, each illustrating major philosophical, cultural, and policy positions at issue during crucial eras of American development. Readers will find documentary evidence of the purposes behind European settlement, American response to English acts, the pervasive role of religion in early American public life, and perspectives in the debate over independence. Subsequent chapters examine the roots of American constitutionalism, Federalist and Anti-Federalist arguments concerning the need to protect common law rights, and the debates over whether the states or the federal government held final authority in determining the course of public policy in America. Also included are the discussions regarding disagreements over internal improvements and other federal measures aimed at binding the nation, particularly in the area of commerce. The final section focuses on the political, cultural, and legal issues leading to the Civil War. Arguments and attempted compromises regarding slavery, along with laws that helped shape slavery, are highlighted. The volume ends with the prelude to the Civil War, a natural stopping-off point for studies of early American history. By bringing together key original documents and other writings that explain cultural, religious, and historical concerns, this volume gives students, teachers, and general readers an effective way to begin examining the diversity of issues and influences that characterize American history. The result unquestionably leads to a deeper and more thorough understanding of America's political, institutional, and cultural continuity and change. Bruce P. Frohnen is Associate Professor of Law at Ohio Northern University College of Law. He holds a J.D. from the Emory University School of Law and a Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University. Click here to print or download The American Republic index.
swift justice; and a ban on unjust imprisonment. Those protections and guarantees were strictly intended for benefit of feudal barons, but the free citizens of today's democratic nations owe an enormous debt to this history-changing document.

Although a British document, the Magna Carta was an influential and important written document that helped shape the foundation of America. Readers will discover why this primary source is so important, the context behind the document, and how it inspired key U.S. documents like the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Rich world history and the progress of human liberty comes to life through strong picture-text matching, at-level content, and resourceful back matter. The Capstone Interactive edition comes with simultaneous access for every student in your school and includes read aloud audio recorded by professional voice over artists.

This new history is the first to tell the story of Magna Carta ‘through the ages’. No other general work traces its continuing importance in England’s political consciousness. Many books have examined the circumstances surrounding King John’s grant of Magna Carta in 1215. Very few trace the Charter’s legacy to subsequent centuries and even fewer look at the fate of the physical document. Turner also underlines its great influence outside the United Kingdom, especially in North America. Today, the Charter enjoys greater prestige in the United States, the land of lawyers, than in Britain. U.S. citizens claim Magna Carta as a source of their liberties, guaranteeing ‘due process of law’ and condemning ‘executive privilege’.

Presents over 150 primary source Web sites in political science, social science, and economics.

Can one document really change the world? In June, 1215 King John of England met with a group of nobles in a meadow on the banks of the Thames River. There, John affixed his royal seal to a document designed to bring about peace between the king and a group of rebellious nobles. This attempt failed miserably, and the two parties were soon at war again. Yet the ideas laid out in the document—which would later be called Magna Carta—lived on, and would become the foundation for many of the freedoms people enjoy in modern times. They include the right to a fair trial and the requirement that the punishment fit the crime. The signing of the Magna Carta is truly one of history’s most pivotal moments.

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"It takes us on a journey from the charter’s medieval origins through to what it means to people around the world today. Drawing on the rich historical collections of the British Library - including two original copies of Magna Carta from 1215 - the catalogue brings to life the history and contemporary resonance of this globally important document”–Cover flap.

Magna Carta is the medieval touchstone charter of western liberties, brought about by contention among the English crown, nobility, church, and towns. Brief biographical sketches buttress thematic essays and key primary documents, including Magna Cartas themselves.

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