

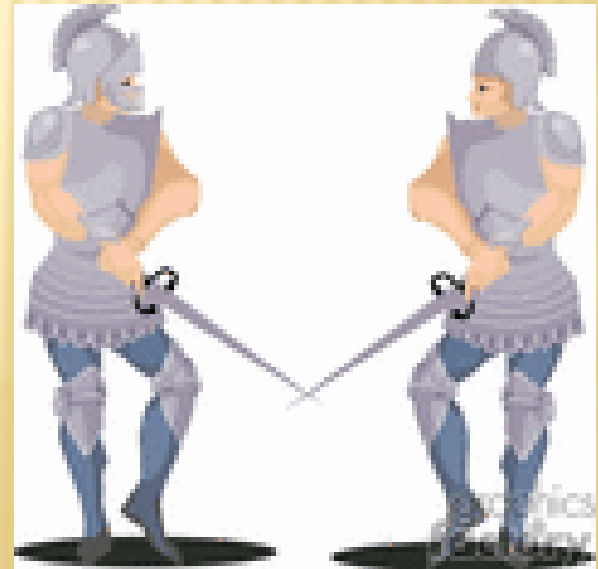
PROBLEM NUMBER 1 - THE POPE

He argued with the Pope about how to run the Church. From 1208 until 1213, the Pope banned all church services in England, and English people feared that their faith would be lost. Some Church leaders blamed John for the trouble.



PROBLEM NUMBER 2 - WARS

John went to war twice against the French king. By 1204 he had lost Normandy, Anjou, Maine and Touraine. His army was badly beaten both times by the skillful French king, Philip. It was an embarrassment to John!



PROBLEM NUMBER 3 – THE BARONS

John raised taxes in England to pay for the wars. This upset his BARONS! He ordered them to pay far more tax than earlier kings had done! Finally the Barons had enough, they were ready to rebel against John.

