

Source 1 – A Baron's view

“Kings should be war leaders. King John has lost us all of the lands we English held in France. He's no good!”

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“I remember his argument with the Pope. We didn't have any church services for five years. I was terrified we would all go to hell.”

Source 3 – A Baron's view

John is not so bad, he has agreed to meet to come up with a new set of rules to help Baron's and reduce taxes.

Source 4 – A Baron's view

He interferes too much in the way the country is run. King Richard was never here and we ran things the way we wanted. King John doesn't even listen to our advice. It's his fault when things go wrong.

Source 5 – A Baron's View

What about taxation? We are taxed everywhere we turn. it's never been as bad as this. It all goes to pay for those hopeless wars in France, we have lost so much land already.....when will it end?

Source 6

King John actually cared about the sick. He set up special places where people with serious diseases could receive treatment and he even given them money to help them live.

Source 7

King John cared about the English people and England itself much more than previous kings had. His older brother Richard spent more time out of England than in it during his rule. King John based his reign in England and focused on trying to make the place better for the English people.

Source 8

The Barons wanted John to sign a charter (a type of contract) promising to rule fairly. John took four days to make up his mind. Finally, on June 19th 1215, he agreed to the Great Charter – the Magna Carta.

Source 9

King John, of course, had no intention of keeping to the promises he made in the Magna Carta. He had already got the Pope to agree to him breaking these promises to rule fairly and he went back to ruling as he did before and upset the Baron's once again.