

Was King John really a bad king?

Please complete all tasks in this worksheet which goes alongside the Oak National Academy lesson that you will be watching. You will need to work through these tasks as you watch the video. The link to the Oak National Academy is below:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/was-king-john-really-a-bad-king-c8u6at?activity=video&step=1>

Task 1: If this is the answer then what is the question? For each of the answers below, please type out what you think the question might be. This will be based on work from previous lessons.

I have given you an example.

<u>If this is the answer.....</u>	<u>What is the question?</u>
The harrying of the north	What was the name of the mass devastation of the north of England by William the Conqueror?
“Will nobody rid me of this troublesome priest?”	Which question did Henry II ask which led to the death of Thomas Becket?
One of the punishments was being blinded	What was a punishment for rebelling against King Henry II?
Excommunication	What power did the pope have over the king?
Eschatological concern	What is the name for the worry that people had about where their soul was going after death?

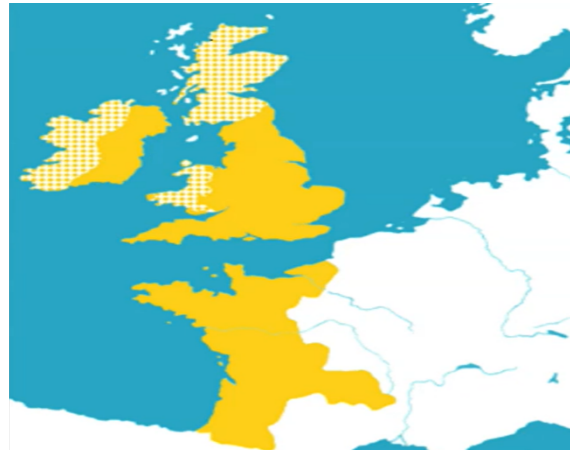
Task 2: Please watch the video up to the 3 minute mark. Then you need to answer the following questions in full sentences:

1) Between what years did John rule England?	1199-1216 were the years that King John ruled England.
2) What was his childhood nickname and why was he given that nickname?	His nickname was John Lackland because he wasn't expected to inherit land in his father's will.
3) What was John's character like? What words were used to describe his character?	Clever, hardworking, bad tempered, cruel, suspicious of others and devious.

Task 3: As you continue to watch the video, you will see the following map. The teacher will talk you through the different areas of the map and why they are important for the King of England. When you are asked to pause the video, please complete the following sentence below.

When you have finished, press play to check your answer and add more detail.

This map shows the Angevin Empire which was the land owned by the King of England. It ran from Scotland to the Pyrenees Mountains between France and Spain. The king owned more land in France than in England. The most important area king John ruled was Normandy in France which had been ruled from 1066



Task 4: Think back to some of our earlier lessons in the year. We discussed what makes a good medieval monarch. Please list 5 of the qualities that you think a good medieval monarch should have below. As you watch the Oak Academy video, you can add to these with some more qualities.

What makes a good King?

E.g. – Good fighter

- 1) Protects their people
- 2) Protects the church
- 3) Rules with support
- 4) Makes their country richer
- 5) Makes the country peaceful



Task 5: As you continue with the video, you will see the following image. Based on this image, do you think John was a good king? What clues are there in this image to show that John may not have been a good king? I have circled some of the points you should be looking at given you an example below.

When you press play, the teacher will go through some of these features of the image. You can add detail to your points whilst they are doing this.

- 1) I think that this picture shows John to be a bad king. This is shown by the crown not fitting properly on his head. The crown would fit a good king's head properly and not look like it is about to fall off.
- 2) The king would normally be holding a sword in his right hand but John is pointing like he is giving orders. This shows he was not a good fighter



- 3) The church was in the background of the picture showing he didn't care about it
- 4) The royal robes have slipped off his shoulder and are looking untidy so John is not worthy of wearing kings clothing

Task 6: You should now open the comprehension information sheet that is attached in google classroom. You can either read through this information or listen to it by clicking on the speakers on each slide. You should then answer the following questions in full sentences, putting in as much detail as you can.

Once you have completed the comprehension questions, if you watch the rest of the Oak Academy video, the teacher will go through the answers and you can check yours before you hand in your document.

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
1) Which tax did the barons hate?	The barons hated scutage which was the tax for not fighting in the army.
2) What was John's nickname?	His nickname was soft sword as he had been defeated and lost Normandy.
3) Which area of land did John lose?	He lost Normandy in France.
4) What did the Pope do to John?	The pope excommunicated John which meant he would go to hell if he didn't make peace with the pope.
Challenge: Why can it be claimed that John was a bad king?	John can be claimed as being a bad king because he didn't protect the church. He didn't protect his lands because he took church lands after falling out with the pope and took money off the church. He didn't rule with the support of his barons.

Well done! You have completed the lesson. Please hand in this document via google classroom. To do this, close the worksheet (your work will automatically save), go to the right hand side of the screen and select 'Hand in'. Your teacher will read through this and provide you with some feedback.

Thank you for engaging! Keep up with the good work!