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The Magna Carta

In the summer of 1215, many English nobles entered London & confronted King John II. The nobles were angry with the king for imposing new taxes on them, as well as many other issues. King John II was forced to sign a document called the Magna Carta (Great Charter) which established many rights for the citizens of England and limited the power of the king.

For each article of the Magna Carta provided below, write a sentence summarizing/explaining the article in your own words. Use a dictionary to define words you do not know (if needed).

12. No scutage [tax] nor aid shall be imposed in our kingdom, unless by the common council of our kingdom.

This means: _____

39. Note no freeman shall be seized, or imprisoned, or dispossessed, or outlawed, or in any way destroyed; nor will we condemn him, nor will we commit him to prison, excepting by the legal judgment of his peers or by the laws of the land.

This means: _____

40. To no one will we sell, to none will we deny or delay, right or justice.

This means: _____

41. All Merchants shall have safety and security in coming to England, and going out of England, and in staying and traveling through England, as well as by lands and by water, to buy and sell, without any unjust exactions.

This means: _____

63. Wherefore, our will is...that the men in our kingdom have and hold the aforesaid liberties, rights and concessions, well and in peace, freely and quietly, fully and entirely, to them and their heirs, of us and our heirs, in all things and places, for ever as is aforesaid.

This means: _____

Describe three things you know about the government of the United States that can be found in the Magna Carta:

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