

# **Research to British History**

## **Magna-Charta**

- Signed and sealed under oath by King John
- Source of inspiration world-wide
- The law could only punish freemans
- Protection from illegal imprisonment
- Influenced law in the future English history
- Three of the original clauses are still law today
- No-one is above the law even the king
- Right to a fair trial
- People who are taxed should have some kind of representation
- Disput between the barons and bishops and the Pope
- The barons put John under pressure
- Main content: re-balancement of the power between the King and his subjects
- Even a king was not over the law
- Laid down rules of inheritance

## **Habeas corpus**

- A writ that requires a person under arrest to be brought to a judge or into court
- Prisoners could be released from prison

## **Bill of Rights (1689)**