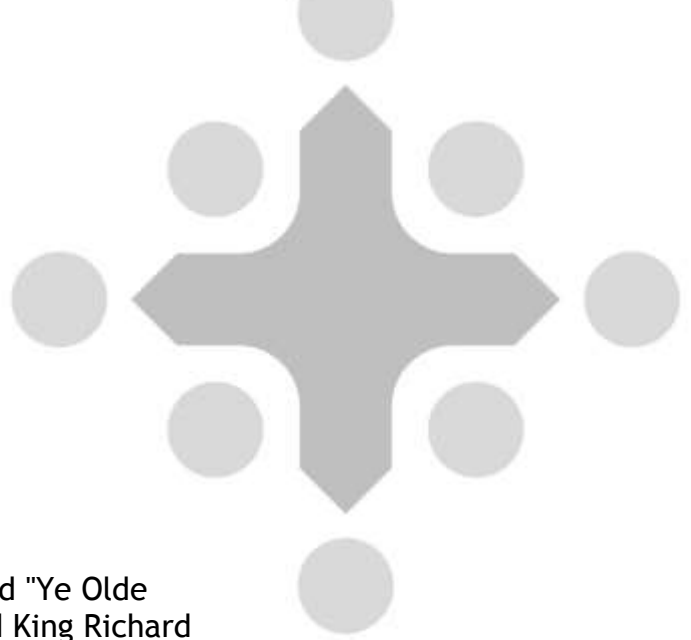


# Tales of Magna Carta



## Chapter 1 - Road to Magna Carta

NARRATOR 1

Many years ago in a country called "Ye Olde Englande" there was a king called King Richard the Lionheart.

NARRATOR 2

Richard is successful, popular...

NARRATOR 1

And dead.

NARRATOR 1

Enter his brother, King John...

NARRATOR 2

King John ruled with an unrelenting iron fist for sixteen years and was not very popular with people, mostly because he made terrible decisions.

KING JOHN

I think I'll try hopping on one hand.

NARRATOR 2

But mainly King John made bad decisions that affected other people.

NARRATOR 1

He was surrounded by people that he treated badly and did not care about so long as he got his own way.

KING JOHN

I'm going to raise taxes.

BARON 1

But my Lord, the people won't like it.

KING JOHN

What do I care for the people? I need more money to buy a new peasant to rest my feet on. And while I'm at it, I want your land too.

BARON 1

But my Lord, that isn't fair.

KING JOHN

Fair Schmare, I am the King.

NARRATOR 1

King John was a law unto himself, doing what he wanted, when he wanted.

NARRATOR 2

And this made people unhappy and they began to talk behind his back.

PEASANT 1

He's a law unto himself.

PEASANT 2

Last week he made me marry my cousin.

PEASANT 3

Something has to be done.

NARRATOR 1

And so in 1215 the Barons decided this was no way to treat people.

NARRATOR 2

They would confront King John at Runnymede, some rules were needed. But would King John agree?