

KS2 Lesson Plan Making the Rules	
Objectives	To consider the importance of rulemaking To explore how rules gain prominence, acceptance and authority To develop critical thinking To present key pieces of information to others
National curriculum	PSHE
Resources	Image of the Magna Carta and its seal Copy of the school rules/code of behaviour
Teaching activities	Remind the children that Magna Carta is a set of rules. Explore why these rules were important. Look at Magna Carta and its seal. Talk about how impressive it is. Discuss why. What if it had been misspelt, crossed out, torn, blotched? Why did it need the seal? Discuss why historical documents were presented in this way and why important national documents are still presented in this way today. In groups, look at the school rules and how they are presented. Do a critique of them discussing what is good/bad about them. Eg the look, the presentation, the way they were decided, what they say. Each group can present their thoughts and produce five recommendations for improvements. Take a vote on the top five best recommendations and create a presentation for the Headteacher/Chair of Governors/school council.
Plenary	Which is more important? The way the rules are presented or what the rules say?
Extension	Design a seal for your own school rules and annotate why it is designed so

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