

Magna Carta vs. U.S. Constitution

Quote from the Magna Carta	What does it mean?	Related quote from U.S. Constitution
12. "No scutage nor aid ...shall be imposed on our kingdom, unless by common counsel of our kingdom..."		
28. "No constable or other bailiff...shall take corn or other provisions from anyone without immediately tendering money..."		
38. "...no official shall place a man on trial upon his own unsupported statement, without producing credible witnesses to the truth of it."		
39. "No freeman shall be taken or imprisoned...or exiled or in any way destroyed...except by the lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of the land."		

Glossary:

Aid: tax

Counsel: agreement

Credible: trustworthy or reliable

Freeman: men who are not slaves or serfs

Scutage: a type of tax

Tendering: paying [the owner]

Reflection Questions:

1. Looking at a copy of the Magna Carta (online), are there any other provisions/clauses you find that are still valuable today?

2. Did you find any other clauses/provisions that are similar to something in the U.S. Constitution

3. Any ridiculous clauses/provisions that you find interesting within the Magna Carta?