



Power and the People

Explain to a Friend

Imagine your friend has missed your history lessons. Can you explain each of the following clearly and confidently to help them understand? Speak aloud or write it out in your own words. Use key terms, specific facts, and examples where you can.

Question	Hint
1. Why was Magna Carta created in 1215?	Explain the problems with King John and the demands of the barons.
2. How did the Peasants' Revolt challenge power in 1381?	What caused it? Why was it significant for ordinary people?
3. What was the significance of the English Civil War and the execution of Charles I?	How did it challenge divine right and the power of the monarchy?
4. How did the Industrial Revolution lead to protest and reform?	Link to the Chartists, Peterloo, Reform Acts, and working-class rights.
5. How did women win the vote?	Compare the roles of the Suffragists and Suffragettes, and WWI impact.
6. What was the role of trade unions in changing power over time?	From Tolpuddle Martyrs to the General Strike to modern unions.
7. How did civil rights movements shape modern Britain?	Explain the role of figures like MLK (US) and groups fighting racism in the UK.