



Decision 1

It is 1199. Your brother King Richard has just died. Arthur – your 12 year old nephew – says he should be king. You are supported by the nobles and barons in England but Arthur has the support of everyone in France. Do you:

- a. Agree to share the Empire with Arthur
- b. Have yourself crowned king and then meet Arthur to discuss an agreement
- c. Have yourself crowned king and then go to war against Arthur and France

Decision 2

Arthur allied with the King of France against you. You capture him. He is only 14, but he has just led an army against you. What should you do with him?

- a. Make him promise to be loyal to you and then set him free
- b. Keep him prisoner
- c. Secretly execute him

Decision 3

France has recaptured land that your dead brother took from them. What will you do about this?

- a. Accept this defeat and give up hope of having an Empire like your brother and father
- b. Discuss the problem with your barons and accept their suggestions
- c. Plan to win the lands back – whether the barons support you or not

Decision 4

You want to invade France to win back some of the land you lost. The barons will NOT support you. They also will NOT pay Scutage – a tax paid by lords instead of fighting themselves. Do you?

- a. Threaten the barons who won't fight or pay with really harsh punishment
- b. Abandon the plans to invade France
- c. Hire foreign soldiers to help with the invasion

Decision 5

You need money to pay soldiers to fight for you. How do you raise money?

- a. Ask the barons about how much tax they will pay
- b. Double the amount of tax paid by landowners when they inherit land
- c. Make the tax paid when land is inherited ten times what it used to be – or even more if you can get away with it.

Decision 6

You invaded France, but the French troops are defeating your army in battle. The barons are still complaining about high taxes, foreign advisers and the way you run the country. You hear that some of your barons are planning to murder you. What will you do?

- a. Order the rebellious barons to send their sons to you as hostages and carry on with the invasion.
- b. Abandon your invasion and deal with the problem of the barons instead

Decision 7

The Archbishop of Canterbury has just died. In the past, the king has been able to choose the Archbishop. The Monks of Canterbury suggest Stephen Langton. The Pope threatens to close down church services and to help the French in battle if Langton is not chosen. What will you do?

- a. Accept the man the monks want because Langton will make a good arch bishop
- b. Make your own choice because the Pope has no right to interfere with your reign

Decision 8

You are still worried about rumours of rebellions and plots among your barons. What do you do?

- a. Agree to discuss the way you are ruling the country with the barons
- b. Bring in foreign advisers and soldiers you can trust. Give them castles and important lands to keep them loyal.

Decision 9

The King of France is now threatening to invade England and some of your barons might help him. They want you to lower taxes, get rid of foreign advisers and soldiers, and agree to consult them about how to govern. What do you do?

- a. Agree reluctantly with them
- b. Tell them you were chosen by God and can do whatever you want.

Decision 10

You are forced to sign the Magna Carta. This document limits the king's power and gives more rights to the barons. What do you do?

- a. Hold meetings to get the barons to work together in the hope that they will help you win back land in France
- b. Build up your army to attack the rebel barons and put an end to Magna Carta

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