Task 1.B
The Primary Source: The Magna Carta

Standard:

1. The students will be able to explain the influence of the king and church in medieval society and how the power shifted over time.
2. The students will be able to self-assess their work by determining their strengths, weaknesses, and areas of improvement.

Task:

It is the year 1214, and you are a noble in medieval society. For years, King John has been abusing his rights as king. As a noble, you believe that King John cannot rule the country properly. If someone does not take action, the whole country could be ruined! For this reason, you and other nobles rebel against the king. In 1215, you and other nobles force John to grant a charter, which was the first time anyone had expected an English king to obey a set of rules. Using the reading and the “Magna Carta” you must...

1. Identify at least 3 events that lead up to the nobles’ rebellion against King John.
2. Analyze the primary source document, the “Magna Carta.”
3. List the 3 most important laws in your opinion, which the king would have to obey, and explain why you think they are the most important.
4. Compare the Magna Carta to our lives today, explain at least 1 similarity.
5. Once you complete the analysis of the Magna Carta, come see Mr. Kaciuba and get a reflection sheet. Work with a partner to discuss the Magna Carta’s similarities with your life and some difficulties you faced while working on this assignment.

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<td>List 3 laws</td>
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