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News Report

Magna Carta commemoration



Here in Britain, events are **getting underway** to celebrate the 800th anniversary of **Magna Carta** – the document that introduced some of the **key rights** enjoyed in modern democracies.

The Queen and senior members of the royal family will be attending a ceremony in the meadows at Runnymede, where the **scroll** was **sealed** by King John in 1215.

Vocabulary

getting underway

starting to happen

Magna Carta

a historical document from the year 1215 which shows what people in England were legally allowed to do

key rights

most important things you are legally allowed to do

scroll

roll of paper or similar material with writing on it

sealed

given official approval

Choose the correct summary

- The Queen and senior members of the royal family are introducing some new laws to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta.
- The Queen and senior members of the royal family are going to a ceremony to celebrate the sealing of the Magna Carta by King John, 800 years ago.
- The Queen and senior members of the royal family are sealing a scroll originally made by King John, 800 years ago.

Answer

- b) The Queen and senior members of the royal family are going to a ceremony to celebrate the sealing of the Magna Carta by King John, 800 years ago.

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