**Lesson 6: Overview 2**

**Who challenged the medieval monarchy’s power?**

**Activity 1: How might a medieval monarch’s power be challenged?**

Predict how each of the following groups might present a challenge to the monarch:

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| **Group** | **How/why they might challenge the monarch:** |
| **The people of England: everyday people, or the barons.** | The people could…They might do this because…The barons could…They might do this because… |
| **Other royals** | Other royals could…They might do this because… |
| **The Church** | The Church could…They might do this because… |

**Activity 2: Answer the following questions:**

1. How was King John’s power challenged, and by whom?
2. Can you think of an example of a challenge to the monarchy, by the people? It happened in 1381!

***Challenge:*** *Which group would have posed the greatest threat to the monarch, and why?*

**Activity 3: What were some of the major challenges to monarchical power, 1100-1500?**

**Read through the timeline and label whether you think it was a challenge by the people (P), other royals (R), or the Church (C).**

1480s: Princes Edward and Richard disappeared, suspected murdered by their uncle, King Richard III.

1320s: Edward II faced a war against the barons, and his wife Isabella who overthrew him and made their son king.

1200s-1210s: King John was forced to sign the Magna Carta, then broke it and caused the First Barons’ War.

1130s: Matilda went to war with King Stephen, who took her throne.

Henry I

Stephen

(Matilda)

Henry II

Richard I

John

Henry III

Edward I

Edward II

Edward III

Richard II

Henry IV

Henry V

Henry VI

Edward IV

Edward V

Richard III

1100-1199

1200-1299

1300-1399

1400-1499

1381: Richard II faced a rebellion by the peasants led by Wat Tyler.

1270s: Edward I said that all monarchs had to agree to Magna Carta when crowned.

1260s: Simon de Montfort set up a parliament to control Henry III and reintroduced Magna Carta, but was later defeated.

1160s-70s: Thomas Becket challenged Henry II, who had him killed. Henry then faced a rebellion by his sons and wife.

**Challenge: Which challenge do you think sounds the most significant? Why?**