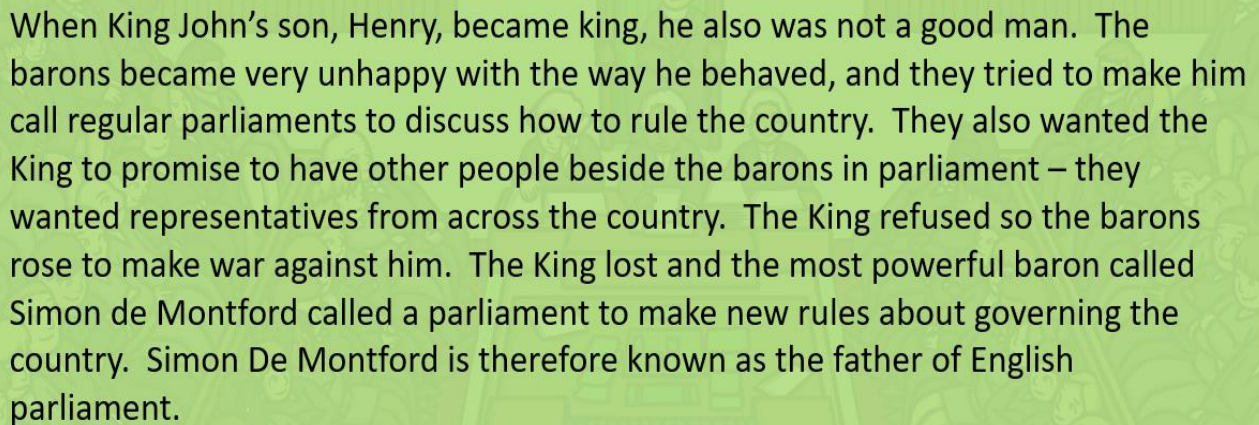


# King Henry



When King John's son, Henry, became king, he also was not a good man. The barons became very unhappy with the way he behaved, and they tried to make him call regular parliaments to discuss how to rule the country. They also wanted the King to promise to have other people beside the barons in parliament – they wanted representatives from across the country. The King refused so the barons rose to make war against him. The King lost and the most powerful baron called Simon de Montford called a parliament to make new rules about governing the country. Simon De Montford is therefore known as the father of English parliament.

## Your Task

The parliament meets to talk about important things in the Houses of Parliament.

Some of the topics discussed in parliament are shown in the pictures on the next page. Which three do you think are the most important topics to be discussed?

**Challenge:** Explain which topic you think is the most important and which is the least important.



**Building schools**



**Building hospitals**



**Helping people in  
different countries**



**Keeping streets  
clean**



**Building play  
areas**



**Keeping the roads  
in good condition**



**Paying nurses /  
doctors and  
teachers**



**Building more  
houses**



**Keeping our  
country safe**