

Task 1 – Personality adjectives

a) *Work in pairs. Decide if these adjectives are positive or negative (or both).*

ambitious	greedy	selfish
bad-tempered	kind	stupid
brave	lucky	unkind
cowardly	popular	unlucky
cruel	proud	wise

b) *Look at the pictures of King Richard and King John. Which adjectives could you use to describe them?*



King Richard

He looks ... I think he might be ...



King John

Task 2 – Listening for vocabulary

Listen to a short talk about King Richard and King John. Tick the adjectives from Task 1 that you hear. Write 'R' if the word describes Richard; write 'J' if it describes John.

ambitious	greedy	selfish
bad-tempered	kind	stupid
brave	lucky	unkind
cowardly	popular	unlucky
cruel	proud	wise

Task 3 – Listening for detail

Listen again and answer the questions.

1. Why was Richard called 'Lionheart'?
 - a) because he was brave
 - b) because he was 16
2. What language did Richard and John speak?
 - a) English
 - b) French
3. How did Richard feel about England?
 - a) He loved it
 - b) He wasn't interested in it
4. How long did King Richard actually live in England?
 - a) ten months
 - b) ten years
5. Who was more successful in fighting foreign wars?
 - a) Richard
 - b) John
6. Who enjoyed collecting gold and jewels?
 - a) Richard
 - b) John
7. Who made the people pay taxes to pay for the foreign wars?
 - a) Only John
 - b) Richard and John
8. Why did the barons want John to agree to the Magna Carta?
 - a) To get some of their money back from him
 - b) To stop him being able to do whatever he wanted.

Task 4 – Discussion

Discuss these questions in pairs or small groups.

1. How do you feel about paying tax?
2. Does it make a difference what the tax is for? E.g. hospitals, schools, foreign wars?
3. Do you think it is fair that Richard is still popular, while John is remembered as a 'bad' king? Why/why not?
4. Using some of the adjectives from Task 1, how could you describe King Richard or King John?

Task 5 – Presentation

Choose a famous person you know about that some people love, and others hate. Prepare to tell the other students about this person. Why is he/she so (un)popular? Try to use some adjectives to describe him/her.