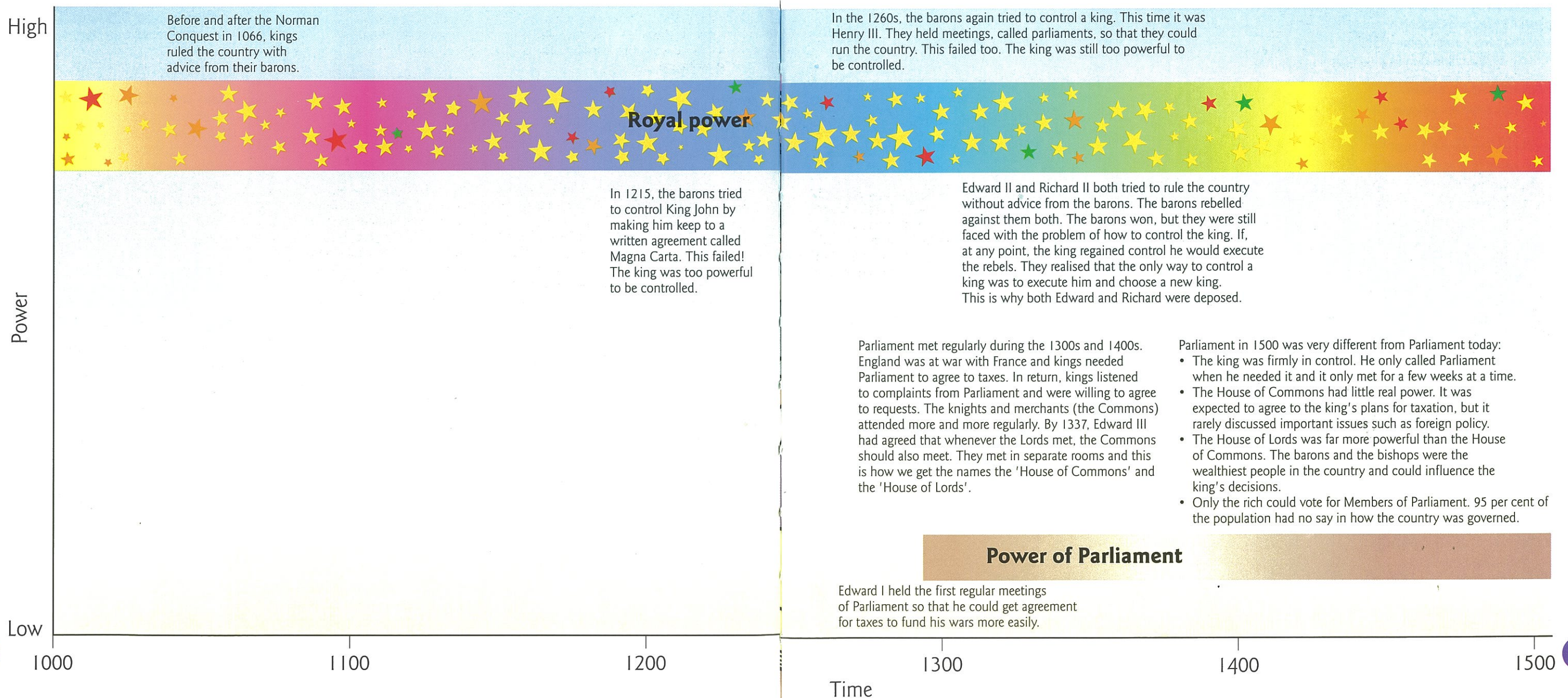


◆ King John's second question: did kings lose all their power?



"So, I was wrong about Parliament! It was my grandson, Edward I, who started regular meetings of Parliament. He sounds like a tough, clever king to control Parliament. But what happened after Edward? Here's my second question: did kings lose all their power after that? My theory is that once Parliament got going kings didn't have any power left."



ACTIVITY

- 1 Look carefully at the timeline, and think about royal power and the power of Parliament.
 - a) What stayed the same between 1000 and 1500?
 - b) What changed?
- 2 The barons tried three methods of controlling the power of the king.
 - a) What were the three methods?
 - b) Did any of them succeed?
- 3 Do you agree with King John's theory that he was the last king with any real power? Think about whether kings had lost all their power to Parliament by 1500. Then write a report to King John explaining why you agree or disagree with him.