

## Transparency 6

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“[T]he rights and liberties asserted and claimed in the said declaration are the true, ancient and indubitable rights of the people of this kingdom . . .”

–English Bill of Rights

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- Ensured the authority of Parliament over the monarchy
- Required the monarch to summon Parliament regularly
- Gave the House of Commons the “power of the purse”
- The monarch could not interfere in parliamentary debates or suspend laws.
- Restated traditional rights of English citizens, such as trial by jury
- Abolished excessive fines and cruel or unjust punishments
- Affirmed the principle of *habeas corpus*