



GCSE HISTORY

Paper 2 Section B/B: Medieval England: the reign of Edward I, 1272–1307

Interpretations Booklet

Interpretation A for use in answering Question 01



Interpretation A An interpretation of royal finance under Edward I.

Adapted from 'The Struggle for Mastery, 1066–1284' by David Carpenter, 2003.

Edward I inherited financial problems which had been made worse by the recent civil war. Edward's achievement was to develop a whole range of policies, including the use of Parliament, to increase his wealth. He reclaimed old sources of income and introduced important new ones, such as a tax on the export of wool. In this way Edward gained the finance to fight his wars against the Welsh and the Scots.

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END OF INTERPRETATIONS

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