



GCSE HISTORY

Paper 2 Section B/D: Restoration England, 1660–1685

Interpretations Booklet

Interpretation A for use in answering Question 01

Interpretation A An interpretation of the Navy under Charles II.

Adapted from 'England in the reign of Charles II' by David Ogg, 1967.

This period was one of the most important in the development of the Navy. England became a global naval power. Sea power was needed to maintain the Empire and allowed England to increase her influence in the Mediterranean. There was progress in shipbuilding. Experience from earlier wars had improved tactics. The West Indian colonies were saved by the energy and skill of the sailors. However, sailors were not regarded as an important resource. The biggest complaint of most ordinary sailors was not food or pay but how they were forced into the Navy.

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END OF INTERPRETATIONS

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