



GCSE HISTORY

Paper 2 Section B/A: Norman England, c1066–c1100

Interpretations Booklet

Interpretation A for use in answering Question 01



Interpretation A An interpretation of towns and villages in Norman England.

Adapted from 'Ruling England, 1042–1217' by Richard Huscroft, 2005.

Towns and villages prospered under the Normans. People in towns needed food and this led to an increase in agricultural production. In return towns made tools, clothes, and the occasional luxury for the countryside. Some coastal towns grew as centres of expanding European trade. Although towns were important, most of England's wealth still came from the countryside where 9 out of 10 people lived and worked. Most people lived in small villages, surrounded by two or three large fields.

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END OF INTERPRETATIONS

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