



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



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Interpretation A An interpretation of Parliament during the reign of Edward I.

Adapted from 'Edward I' by Andy King, 2016.

Edward transformed the government of England by changing Parliament. Edward realised that listening to the concerns of his people was an important part of a king's job. Therefore, he strengthened the role of Parliament so that people's problems could be discussed. Edward also benefitted as he used Parliament to gain support for increased taxation. As a result, far more of England's wealth now went to the king, but in return taxes had to be approved by Parliament.

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END OF INTERPRETATIONS

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