

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 in England after the Norman Conquest.

Adapted from 'Conquest and Colonisation, the Normans in Britain, 1066–1100' by Brian Golding, 2013.

The Norman Conquest led to the economic success of English towns. Many Norman merchants moved to these towns where they were given better trading rights than the English. A new Norman idea was to grant towns the right to hold a market or fair which increased trade. Although some parts of towns were demolished to make space for Norman castles, these castles encouraged prosperity because of the security they brought. The building of abbeys and cathedrals near, or even in, towns also had a positive effect.

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END OF INTERPRETATIONS

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