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Paper 2 Section B/B:

Medieval England: the reign of Edward I, 1272–1307

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INTERPRETATION A

An interpretation of Edward and the nobles.

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

Central to Edward's idea of kingship was the recovery of the lands and rights lost at home and abroad during his father's reign. The 1274–75 Hundred Roll Inquiries showed how far many lords had exploited Henry III's weak government. Edward was especially concerned with nobles who had seized the king's powers over land and justice. This was a major challenge to the royal authority, which Edward was determined to reclaim. To achieve this, in 1278 he launched the Quo Warranto Inquiries. Many of the nobles, however, took a different view and were very sensitive to any threat to their rights over their lands.

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