

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

This resource provides guidance for teaching Medieval England – the reign of Edward I, 1272-1307 depth studies topic from our new GCSE in History. We hope the suggested activities will support your teaching of this topic. It is intended as a guide only and not as a prescriptive approach.

This scheme of work enables students to understand how the government of Medieval England worked, what the role of the king was and how Parliament developed during this period. The scheme of work aims to develop students' knowledge on the medieval period by investigating the role of the economy, education and the legal system as well as looking at Edward's military campaigns in Wales and Scotland.

Assumed coverage

This teaching and learning plan is intended for 30 classroom lessons, each of one hour. It doesn't include homework learning time, but it covers three revision and assessment lessons.

There are three parts to this scheme of work: part one concentrates on Edward's government, part two on life in Medieval England and part three on his military campaigns. It includes details of how the specified site for the historic environment in 2022 can be incorporated into your teaching of this unit. The specified site for 2022 is London at the time of Edward I.

Assessment

Assessment points in the learning activity column indicate possible assessment opportunities. These could be short tests of about ten minutes (examstyle questions, short factual tests, source evaluation) or longer assessments (exam-style questions).

Resources

Research exercises assume students have access to a textbook(s) and/or internet. You can supplement textbook(s) with other sources.

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When considering primary and secondary evidence, it is worth remembering that the assessment covers students' ability to analyse and evaluate an interpretation (AO4). However, as part of your teaching you may wish to look at contemporary sources (AO3) as well.

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Part one: Government, the rights of King and people

Henry III's legacy

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Edward I and his father, Henry III H	ation on Henry: ing program details d's early life and ign against the Welsh. able resource for the er to read about Edward rc Morris's "Edward – at and Terrible King" des a good sment of him and his character and

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Humber				A <u>revision</u> short clip about Lewes, and Simon de Montfort.
2	The problems faced on Edward I's accession	This lesson examines the key problems Edward faced on becoming king: • Wales • finances • nobles • Gascony	Enquiry Question: What problems did Edward face on becoming king? Create a table or diagram with three columns/parts. In the first column/part, describe the situation in Wales and Gascony and with the royal finances and the nobles. In the second explain why each was a problem. In the third explain the actions Edward took on becoming king to alleviate the problem.	Textbook Map of English possessions needed showing England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland as well as France including Gascony.
3	 Relations with the nobility Edward I's character as a king 	This lesson will help students assess Edward's ability to manage the nobility as well as establish criteria with which to assess Edward's character. Key nobles include: De Montfort Richard of Cornwall Peter of Savoy The Lusignans	Enquiry Question: Who were the important barons during Edward's reign? Revisit previous timelines and living graphs and note down the key nobles involved. Use a map of England to show where each of the key nobles held land.	Textbook Internet research Map of England broken into key nobles landholdings. Access to information on Edward and his nobles.

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number		 Gilbert de Clare Roger Mortimer Humphrey de Bohun Bigod 	Identify who was in Edward's entourage. Begin a set of pen portraits on key personalities. Establish common criteria for this. Research a copy of Edward's coronation oath and look at what he promised to do. What were his key aims concerning land and rights? What were Edward's expectations regarding his relationship with the nobles? How does this correspond with your earlier pen portraits?	Background key term Feudalism clip, stress on relations, obligations and on end of feudalism.

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Development of government, rights and justice

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4	 The Hundred Rolls Robert Burnell Statutes of Westminster and Mortmain Quo Warranto Inquiries 	This lesson (with lesson 5) will introduce students to how England was governed. By adding specific detail about Edward's reign, students should be able to contrast the Hundred Rolls with the Domesday Book. Identify what the statutes and <i>Quo Warranto</i> were and encourage students to keep a record of these and others they study. Relate <i>Quo Warranto</i> to Edward's coronation pledge to reclaim lands in order to show students how Edward intended to keep to his oath and rectify the situation his father left him in.	Enquiry Question: How did Medieval Government work? Administration and the law – Students produce a diagrammatic representation of how the law worked, starting with Edward at the top and including the nobles as well as positions like constables and sheriffs. Students will answer the question, 'Why did Edward introduce the Hundred Rolls?' Create a table and note down similarities and differences with the Domesday Book. Download an extract from the Hundred Rolls and examine it as a source. Students construct a table showing the reasons for these statutes, what they hope to achieve and their success (or otherwise).	Textbook Blank diagram to show key features of the governmental system. Medieval Government*: (*note that lessons 18 and 19 specifically focus on the legal system). Search the Hundred Rolls here. AQA Historic Environment Resource Pack 2022, for London at the time of Edward I: Resource O. AQA Historic Environment Resource Pack 2021, for Acton Burnell: Resource K

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			Include as many statutes as possible and add to the table as a work in progress. (Lessons 14 and 15, 18 and 19).	
			Class discussion about why the land mattered so much in this period.	
5	Robert Burnell	This lesson will consider the (i) role of Chancellor and (ii) the attributes of Robert Burnell which made him so important. Consider his background, motivation, methods, and achievements.	Enquiry Question: Why was Robert Burnell important in King Edward's government? Create a spider diagram showing the life and career of Robert Burnell.	AQA Historic Environment Resource Pack 2021, for the Acton Burnell: Video tour Acton Burnell Castle
6 and 7	Parliaments and the Model Parliament (1295)	This lesson will highlight the first steps to creating a parliament and how and why Edward used them.	Timeline a history of parliament reaching Edward's reign. Create a table to identify: Who came? How often? Why? Examples. Who benefited? Debate – is it right to call the 1295 Parliament a model parliament?	AQA Historic Environment Resource Pack 2021, for the Acton Burnell: History of Parliament: Text book The First Parliament in 'Ruler and Ruled'.

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8	Review and assessment of Part One	This is an opportunity to assess your students understanding of Part One and to develop their exam techniques. You may wish to give your students guidance on how to answer historical questions like the one presented.	Students might consider the following question, 'Explain how the relationship between the king and his nobles changed during Edward I's reign.'	

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Part Two: Life in Medieval England

Trade towns and villages

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9	Agriculture and the wool trade	This lesson will introduce basic medieval day-to-day life to students. It will also highlight certain industries and their location whilst lesson 10 will focus on the wool trade. Students should be encouraged to use terms like 'Charters', 'Guilds', 'Sanitation', 'Crime', 'Trade', 'crafts', 'Bastides', when writing about the towns. They should also note locations and what official positions were held. Students should be able to identify where the centres of certain industries were and how much revenue was gained by them.	Who's who in the medieval village/town? Assign half the class to the 'village' and half to the 'town'. Students then research the typical roles in their generic location and create a table to include: • job • wealth • work/skill • responsible to Allow 'villagers' and 'townies' time to share their information before being used as envoys to teach to and gather knowledge from other students.	Textbook Life in Medieval England Internet references for Medieval England for Or Life in a medieval town Medieval Manor at Stokesay in 'Changing Times'.
10	Royal Finance and taxation, wool tax	This lesson will develop students' ideas about finances and the importance of the wool trade. Use information from the previous lesson to show how Edward 'earned'	Enquiry question: Why was the wool trade so important in medieval England? Create a diagram to show the life-cycle of the wool trade from sheep to cloth.	Textbook History of the wool trade: Map of places involved in the wool trade needed

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		an income and how much he could expect per year.	Use a map of England and Flanders to show where the various aspects of the wool	(Yorkshire, East Anglia and Flanders at least).
		Use Laurence of Ludlow to illustrate how individuals could benefit from	traded occurred.	Selected aspects of the AQA Stokesay Castle Resource
		the wool trade.	Plot in a table how much revenue different industries	Pack.
		Hull could be used as an example when talking about customs and	made (include wool).	Video tours Stokesay Castle
		coinage.	Create a timeline of the life of Laurence of Ludlow. (See next	<u>Laurence</u> of Ludlow:
		Explain parliament's role in agreeing to taxes and Edward's reasons for	lesson and have students ready to add two more columns to	
		imposing a wool tax.	this).	
			Answer the question: Assess the importance of the wool trade to medieval England.	
11	Royal Finance and taxation, wool tax	This lesson will identify the reasons why London was important to Edward and begin to recognise the changes made to it during his reign.	Provide the students with a worksheet that has statements about London during the reign of Edward I. Students find evidence for statements from the Resource Pack.	AQA Historic Environment Resource Pack 2022, for London at the time of Edward I: Background information and resources A – M.
			Or students may make a diagram to identify the political, economic, strategic importance of London and annotate	A school-generated worksheet that has statements about London for students to use.
			of London and annotate thumbnail images from the	Base diagram she

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			resource pack to explain the importance of London at this time.	Map of Medieval London The buildings of London Bridge have a talk. (Resource H).
12 and 13	Royal Finance and taxation, wool tax	These two lessons allow your students to consider the reasons for Edward assuming responsibility for the government of London and the changes that he made during that time. In class discussion (a) identify 4 or 5 reasons why Edward took control of London in 1285 (b) identify how London changed between 1285 – 1297.	Students annotate a map of Europe to show the location and origin of imports and exports at this time (N). Read resource O and highlight reasons for Edward's dissatisfaction with the government of London (O). Students collaborate to write in a pair, an 85-second talk entitled, 'London under Edward I' (which may be read in class (with or without notes).	AQA Historic Environment Resource Pack 2022, for London at the time of Edward I: Resource N and O. Base map of Europe Guidance sheet on the method for writing a short talk.
14	 Statute of Merchants Italian bankers Re-coinage 	This lesson will develop students' understanding of the role of the Italian bankers in particular the Riccardi from Lucca, in the role of Edward's finances. Explore the reasons for Edward's recoinage	Enquiry Question: How did Edward fund his government? Add information about Statute of Merchants to table from lesson 4.	Textbooks and research AQA Historic Environment Resource Pack 2022, for London at the time of Edward I: Resource N. Map from lessons 12 and 13

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Lesson	Specification content	Guidance	Learning activity	Resources
number	Specification content	London or Hull could be used as an example when talking about customs and coinage.	Create a mind-map showing how Edward received his income. Include taxation, debts, rents and more. Make a list of who was in debt to Edward and how he went about recovering these debts. Write a brief history of the Riccardi from Lucca and the Frescobaldi from Florence. Create a table to record information on the two banking families, setting out with the following headings: • place of origin • wealth • modus operandi • relationship with Edward • outcome Conclude this section with the question 'what happened to the Riccardi?'	Useful article for teachers on the Riccardi and Edward: Lucca Edward's Italian bankers and the Credit crunch: Re-coinage: Edward's re-coinage
			Create a flow-chart showing the reasons for re-coinage.	
15	Expulsion of the Jews in 1290	This lesson will identify and assess the reasons Edward expelled Jewish people from England.	Enquiry Question: Why did Edward I force Jewish people to leave England?	Textbook

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		Establish role and number of Jewish people in England c.1290 and the relationship Edward had with them. (Remember that the king could tax them at will.) Re-visit the issue of re-coinage and the impact this had on his action to expel Jewish people from England.	Students consider the nature of the relationship between Edward and the Jewish community living in England through role-play. Construct a diagram showing the steps to the expulsion of the Jews. Include these key dates: 1275 Statute of Jewry 1279 executions (300) 1280 persuaded to convert 1290 expulsion, appropriated their loans and gave Edward political negotiating rights. Students draw conclusions on the reasons for Edward's expulsion of the Jews.	

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Education and learning

Lesson	Specification content	Guidance	Learning activity	Resources
number 16	The Medieval Church	This lesson will show how Edward	Enquiry Question: What	Textbook
	 Universities 	used the Church and scholars to	relationship did Edward have	
		support and legitimise his campaign against Wales and Scotland as well	with the church?	Medieval Church timeline:
		as how he used them to support his	Construct a mind-map to show	
		claims to land and his rights.	the role of the Church in	
			England. Concentrate on its	Work sheets on the lives,
		Focus on the disagreements with	roles as a land-owner, law-giver,	character and achievements
		Archbishop Peckham (plurality) and Archbishop Winchelsea (taxing the	a financial institution, and the relationship with the pope.	of Archbishops Peckham and Winchelsea.
		church).	relationship with the pope.	Willichelsea.
			Complete worksheets based on	
		Students should be able to	textbook information.	
		understand the role of universities,	Ctudents would in point to	
		why they were endowed and how Edward and the nobles used these	Students work in pairs to challenge the teacher as	
		universities to legitimise claims to	Edward over his role in their	
		certain areas of land.	disagreements. Students and	
			teacher perform a three-way hot	
			seat debate changing students regularly.	
			regularly.	
			Enquiry Question: How did	
			Edward develop and use the	
			universities?	
			Around a separate picture of	
			each of the three universities	
			answer the questions:	

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			 What was the university's specialism? Who endowed them? How did Edward use them? 	
17	Roger Bacon and Duns Scotus	This lesson will introduce students to the achievements of Bacon and Duns as well as the Franciscans.	Enquiry Question: Why were the ideas of Dun Scotus and Roger Bacon important?	Textbook Roger <u>Bacon</u> :
			Conduct a study into the life of Roger Bacon and John Duns (Duns Scotus), draw out similarities and differences. Conclude by arguing which of the two men should be commemorated with a statue.	Duns <u>Scotus</u> :

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The development of the legal system

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18 and 19	 Laws, courts and trials Crimes, criminals and punishments Statutes of Gloucester (1278) and Winchester (1285) 	This lesson will introduce students to the legal system and help them identify the types of crimes that were committed along with the punishments meted out. They should be able to assess what Edward gained from the changes of the two statutes.	Enquiry Question: How did the medieval legal system work? Create a mind-map or similar to show the various aspects of medieval law. Refer to:	Textbooks and research

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			In pairs or small groups have a silent debate about whether the justice system was fit for purpose?	
20	Review and assessment of Part Two.	This is an opportunity to assess your students understanding of Part Two and to develop their exam techniques.	Questions may be drawn from the specimen papers on the AQA website.	

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Part Three: Edward I's military campaigns in Wales and Scotland

Medieval warfare, tactics and technology

Lesson number	Specification content	Guidance	Learning activity	Resources
21	Battlefield use of cavalry, infantry, weapons and armour. Siege Warfare	This lesson will develop students understanding of the role of the different individual soldiers. Students will also consider the strengths and weaknesses of a variety of different weapons and armour. This part of the lesson will introduce students to siege warfare and why it was used. The siege of Berwick in 1296 may be referred to.	Enquiry Question: What was medieval warfare like? Students to annotate pictures of the different types of soldiers and weapons. Then choose six pieces of medieval fighting equipment and explain to the class their use and effectiveness (with examples) – could be presented as a PowerPoint presentation. Students should focus on the relative strengths and weaknesses of what they see. Use websites to produce a 'battle timeline' of Edward's life in order to highlight the different types of 'battles' he has been in and identify where and how he used cavalry, infantry, sieges etc. Enquiry Question: How did siege warfare work?	Textbook Pictures of soldiers and weapons. Edward's life – a warrior king: Edward's military history relating to Wales and Scotland: Drawings of medieval sieges Textbooks and research

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			Establish the 'rules' of siege warfare and have students annotate a diagram of a siege with the main elements. Include: • weapons • key features of castle • key features of landscape • type of soldier (cavalry, infantry, sapper etc.) Conduct research into the battles and sieges that Edward has already participated in. Lewes and Evesham will show the 'all or nothing' high stakes involved in a battle.	

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The invasion and colonisation of Wales

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number 22 and 23	Edward's Welsh Wars in 1277 and 1282–1283 Statute of Rhuddlan	These lessons will examine how Edward conducted the wars in Wales, why they started and what the conclusions were. For example, what the provisions under the Statute of Rhuddlan were and what their impact on Wales and Edward was.	Enquiry Question: Why did Edward go to war in Wales? Investigate the reasons why Edward launched an attack on Wales, including: • Edward as Marcher lord when prince • role of Llywelyn ap Gruffudd (lands taken from Edward and refusal to pay homage) • role of other Marcher lords. Record as mind map. Create a table with headings: • situation before 1277 • War of 1277 • war of 1277 • situation between 1277—1282 • War of 1282—3 • situation post-1283 • The Statute of Rhuddlan Complete each column with a statement to describe the situation or events at that time.	Textbook How and why Edward extended his control across the British Isles Timeline of Welsh conquest: Timelines on the Conquest of Wales Copy of the Statute of Rhuddlan (modern version) AQA Caernarfon Castle Historic Environment Resource Pack 2019: Background information, and Resources I and J Map of Wales

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Lesson number	Specification content	Guidance	Learning activity	Resources
			Annotate map of Welsh conquests with new counties, land ownership.	
24 and 25	Castle building; costs and consequences	Overall, these lessons will help students to understand what the key parts of a castle are, where Edward chose to locate them in Wales and the reasons for this as well as examining their cost and the shortand longer-term consequences of them. Students should understand the principle of Concentric design. The layout and design of other castles built by Edward I in Wales illustrate the principle e.g. Beaumaris, or how the principle was adapted to the location e.g. Conwy. Ensure students identify features that are defensive and those which are domestic. • shape • towers • wards • walkways • moat • entrances • town	Enquiry Question: 'What was important about Edward's Castle building in Wales?' Locate castles on map of Wales Or previous lesson's map. Investigate reasons for positioning of each castle. Complete a fact sheet on each castle including:	Images and details of the main castles built in Wales:

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		domestic features hall When students report back their research on different castles allow some time to collect information perhaps in a simple spider diagram on the Welsh castles of Edward I.		

The relations with Scotland

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26	 The Great Cause Issue of Scottish succession, Balliol and Bruce 	This lesson will show students how there came to be a vacancy for the title of king of Scotland and who the main contenders were.	Enquiry Question: Why did Edward I become involved in Scottish affairs?	AQA Historic Environment Resource Pack 2020 – The Battle of Stirling Bridge – Background information
	Scottish campaigns: William Wallace and the First War of Scottish Independence from	Worksheet should include: The life of King Alexander III, his	Complete a worksheet on the origins of the Great cause.	Textbooks, worksheet and research. Family tree sheet
	1297 to the death of Edward I	children, grandchildren, esp. his granddaughter, Margaret of Norway.	Construct pen portraits of Balliol and Bruce.	Clip covers the end of Edward's Welsh campaign, the death of his 1 st wife, the
		The role and aims of Edward as arbiter in the succession and the role of the 'guardians of Scotland'.	'King Edward I in Scotland.' Using a map of Scotland,	expulsion of the Jews, and the start of the Scottish campaign.
		June 1291 - Edward becomes 'chief lord and guardian of the kingdom'.	students plot the main castles and route of Edward and his allies into Scotland.	

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number		Balliol and Bruce's links to David and an assessment of the strength of their claims. This lesson will help students understand the chronology of the events in the Scottish campaign. It will provide an overview of events and also begin to help to assess the reasons for Edward's successes and failures and the reasons for the resumption of hostilities by Robert the Bruce. Students will already be aware of the risks associated with battles and the	Students will construct a timeline showing an overview of Edward I and his Scottish campaigns. Brief details of each event should be included on the timeline.	AQA Historic Environment Resource Pack 2020 – The Battle of Stirling Bridge Resource A Textbook Blank map of Scotland Base timeline for events. Scottish battlefields: The Battle of Falkirk Clip covers Edward's Scottish campaign and conclusion:
27 and 28	Scottish campaigns: William Wallace and the First War of Scottish Independence from 1297 to the death of Edward I The reputation of Edward I as 'Hammer of the Scots'	nature of sieges from lesson 20. These lessons will introduce students to the role of place in history by investigating the different features of battlefields. This is an opportunity to explore the key events and developments of the battles, key military tactics and innovations and understand the reasons for the outcome of the battle.	Enquiry question: What can the battles of Stirling Bridge, Falkirk and the siege of Stirling Castle tell us about medieval warfare? Start the lesson with a brief revision of the background to the campaign / battles. Students should be given the above question as the basis for case studies of the battles and sieges Edward participated in.	AQA Historic Environment Resource Pack 2020 – The Battle of Stirling Bridge Resource Background information; Resources B, C1 and C2, and E Brief video account of the battle of Stirling bridge Bruce and Bishop Lamberton pact.

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number		Students should aim to understand the basic sequence of events at the end of the first lesson, and consider explaining the outcomes during the second lesson. Students should understand the differences between English and Scottish armed forces.	They should investigate the role of: size topography proximity to coast position of the army tactics the positions and composition of each of the armies Class may be divided or allocated different battles. Using images students create a short-captioned PowerPoint presentation to explain key moments in the fighting. Students to decide how they explain the outcome of the battle. Students may be asked to consolidate their understanding by writing a short essay of no more than 330 words to explain their view. This may be then set as a revision exercise to be summarised in no more than 100 words in preparation for Lesson 30.	Blank map Use the Battlefields Trust site for the location of Stirling Bridge battle site Use the battlefields Trust site for the location of Falkirk battle site Defeat at Dunbar Textbook

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29	Scottish campaigns: William Wallace and the First War of Scottish Independence from 1297 to the death of Edward I The reputation of Edward I as 'Hammer of the Scots'	This lesson is an opportunity to reflect on the broader significance of the Scottish campaigns and the reputations of Edward I and William Wallace. You could link this lesson to lessons 27 and 28 by looking at cinematic depictions of Edward I and William Wallace. Students should assess William Wallace using the worksheet asking about aspects of his life. Students should be able to assess the broader significance of Edward's Scottish campaigns. They should be able to place Edward's actions in the wider context of his kingship. Some consideration might be given in relation to Edward's finances, relations with the English nobility/Parliament, the timing of English campaigns in Scotland, Edward's character (was he being unreasonable, over-ambitious etc.).	Class debates: 'Was William Wallace a hero or a traitor?' 'Does Edward deserve his epithet as the 'Hammer of the Scots'?	Textbook AQA Historic Environment Resource Pack 2020 – The Battle of Stirling Bridge Resource J, K and L Work sheet on William Wallace William Wallace Newspaper templates are useful. Cinematic interpretations such as Braveheart. Please note that this film was originally classified by BBFC as a '15' rating. As such parts showing violence may cause some distress. Please access the suitability of the clip before showing it to your students. Wallace Video clip
		response and the impact of, his ill- health, his relationship with his		

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		eldest son (and the expulsion of Piers Gaveston), the election of the new pope and the age of his nobles.		
30	Review and assessment of Part Three.	This is an opportunity to assess your students understanding of Part Three and to develop their exam techniques.	Questions may be drawn from the specimen papers on the AQA website.	

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