

AQA GCSE HISTORY

Paper 2 Section B/C: Elizabethan England, c1568-1603

Interpretations Booklet

Interpretation A for use in answering in Question 01

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Adapted from R.E. Foster, writing in History Review, about the threat from Catholics in Elizabethan England.

Mary, Queen of Scots' arrival in England was a problem for Elizabeth. The Northern Rebellion was an attempt to replace Elizabeth with Mary. The Pope said Elizabeth was, 'the pretended Queen of England and servant of wickedness' and excommunicated her. The anti-Catholic laws of the time seem severe today but were thought to be sensible then. They were a response to plots against the Queen



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