



Brookvale Groby Learning Campus

Post 16 History Challenges

Interpretations form part of your Russia and its Rulers' Unit, but there is absolutely no reason why you can't begin practicing these techniques now.

Question: How convincing do you find this historian's interpretation of Henry VIII's 1540s foreign policy with Scotland? Explain your answer with reference to your knowledge.

English policy was simply to pulverise Scotland, to beat her either into acquiescence or out of existence, and Hertford's campaigns resemble nothing so much as Nazi total warfare, "blitzkrieg", reign of terror, extermination of all resisters, the encouragement of collaborators, and so on.

William Ferguson, *Scotland's Relations with England, A Survey to 1707*, John Donald, Edinburgh (1977), 61

What this question wants you to do is to use the knowledge you have learned to assess how convincing the argument they set out was.

You need to:

1. Show that you understand what the historian's argument is.
2. Explain whether you think it is correct or not.
3. Ensure you have supported this with knowledge of the time.
4. Make sure that you have also assessed knowledge that challenges your assessment and analysed why it is perfectly convincing/ unconvincing.

