

Modelled responses

3 marks

One way that interpretation A portrays early Norman Castles as a means of control is the sense of perspective used in the picture. The interpretation shows the motte and bailey castle towering over the local area which makes it look like it is dominating and can control the area that it surveys. The audience are close to the ground looking up at the castle, perhaps to make us feel how Anglo-Saxons might have felt before a castle. This makes the audience feel like the castle is looking down on them again enhancing interpretation the castle is for control.

5 marks

Interpretation A suggests that castles and the Norman armed forces were an important means to control the Anglo-Saxons. I would investigate other methods the Normans used to control the local population such as the Domesday book. This would allow me to better understand which methods were more significant for the Normans in controlling the local areas and whether these methods varied in different regions of the country.