

Grade 9 Answer

Account Question

8
Marks

Question:

Write an account of Edward's military campaigns in Scotland.
(8 marks)

Answer:

The first key event in Edward's military campaign in Scotland was the issue of succession. After the death of Alexander III in 1286 and his heir in 1290, Edward was asked to choose who would be the heir to Scotland. There were 14 claimants to the throne, however Balliol and Bruce had the best claims. Edward picked Balliol, however in 1296, Balliol invaded northern England. He was driven back, and Edward entered Scotland and deposed and exiled Balliol, essentially making Edward King of Scotland. However, Edward left Scotland shortly after, and left royal officials to rule Scotland. This placed huge demands on the Scots, and was extremely unpopular.

In response to the English rule in Scotland, William Wallace led a Scottish rebellion against the English rule, known as the First War of Scottish Independence. In 1297 at the Battle of Stirling Bridge, Wallace defeated the English army, and so he became the 'Guardian of the Kingdom of Scotland'. However, in the following year Edward defeated the Scots at Falkirk, but Wallace escaped and Scottish forces remained control of parts of the country. However, in 1305, Wallace was captured by the English and executed. This led to Bruce leading a further rebellion, and was crowned King of Scotland. Edward then died on his way to counter rebellions in Scotland in 1307, and by 1314 Bruce finally defeated the English, securing Scotland's independence and ending Edward's military campaigns in Scotland.

Feedback:

This answer would get 8/8 marks because the pupil has identified 2 key events in Edward's military campaign in Scotland (issue of succession and First War of Scottish Independence). They have explained each point in depth using historical information, and written the events in chronological order, using links between the points.

