**Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the arguments in Extracts 1 are in relation to Henry VIII’s foreign policy**

**Knowledge to refute**

**Knowledge to support**

**Extract 1**

In foreign affairs, where Henry was most continuously and most personally active, he followed the devices and desires of his own heart. Before 1527 his object was to establish his credentials as a monarch of European standing. From 1527 policy became dominated by the ‘King’s Great Matter’ and the need to protect the action he had taken. In the 1540s, the revival of Henry’s personal obsession with winning territory in France led him to mishandle opportunities.

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