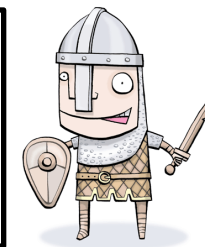




# Year: 7 - Knowledge organiser

## Topic: Norman Conquest



### Areas of our study

1. Candidates to the Throne
2. Invasion
3. Battle of Hastings 1066
4. Why did William win?
5. Bayeux Tapestry
6. Harrying of the North
7. Feudal System
8. Domesday book

### Hungry for more?

Normans - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zshtyrd>  
 BBC 2 Documentary on the Normans - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LD6zJO N2xTc>

Also go to the LRC and ask for books on this topic.

### Key Words – Individuals – Normans

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Housecarls</b>            | Harold Godwinson's main soldiers  |
| <b>Fryd</b>                  | Saxon Army made up of labourers and peasants who are called upon to fight   |
| <b>Knights/Cavalry</b>       | Normans horse mounted soldiers  |
| <b>Domesday Book</b>         | Was set up to check the wealth of people throughout England and tax them accordingly.   |
| <b>Feudal system</b>         | Social system to help Kings/Queens run a country. God – King – Baron – Knight – Peasant.  |
| <b>Harrying of the North</b> | Edwin and Morcar rebelled against William and so William put down their rebellion. He was brutal in doing so, killing many people.  |
| <b>Castle</b>                | Two type of castle were built. To start the Motte and Baily made of timber and earth and then these changed to Square keeps which were built in Stone. The Tower of London is a famous example of this. |
| <b>Noble/Baron</b>           | Wealthy lord just below the King in the Feudal system. Often looked after areas of land for the King.   |
| <b>Peasant/Villain</b>       | Bottom of the feudal system almost slaves with little rights.   |
| <b>PEEL</b>                  | Point- Evidence- Explanation - Link   |
| <b>Religion</b>              | Normans were Christians   |

### Claimants to the Throne 1066

#### Harold Godwinson



English  
 ♦ Popular  
 ♦ His family had been Edward's advisors  
 ♦ Powerful and experienced  
 ♦ Edwards brother-in-law  
 ♦ Good soldier  
 ♦ Claimed Edward had promised him the throne just before he died

#### Harald Hardrada

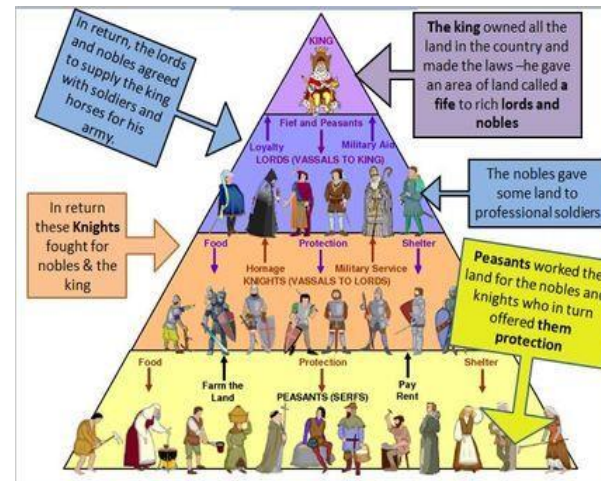


♦ Related to one of England's previous kings  
 ♦ King of Norway - Norway used to rule England  
 ♦ Quite popular with people in the north of England  
 ♦ Good soldier  
 ♦ Powerful and experienced

#### William Duke of Normandy



♦ Edward promised him the throne  
 ♦ England had close ties with Normandy and Edward had lived there for a while  
 ♦ Powerful and experienced  
 ♦ Good soldier  
 ♦ Had helped Edward out of trouble when he had quarrelled with the Godwinson family



### Key dates – Normans

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| AD 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1066  | Edward the Confessor dies with no Heirs   |
| AD 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1066  | Harold Godwinson Crowned King of England  |
| AD Sep 1066                  | Harald Hardrada invades England   |
| AD 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1066 | Battle of Stamford Bridge – Harald Hardrada is killed and defeated                    |
| AD 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1066 | William lands at Pavensey bay England   |
| AD 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1066 | Battle of Hastings William is victorious and Harold Godwinson Dies                    |
| AD 1066                      | Battle of Hastings and the end of Saxon/Viking rule in Britain.                       |
| AD 1067                      | The Normans built their first castles to help secure control of England               |
| AD 1069                      | Feudal System used to allow control over the social classes                           |
| AD 1070                      | Harrying of the North- William put down a rebellion in the North in brutal fashion    |
| AD 1085                      | Domesday book was introduced to understand who owned what and what people should pay. |
| AD 1087                      | William the Conqueror dies  |

### Key Assessments

Explain why/source work