

Area of study: Norman Invasion

Enquiry question: Why was the Norman invasion successful?

Political	Religious	Social	Cultural	Economic	Military
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**Substantive Knowledge : content for emphasis , to be secured in the long term memory**


**Students should know:**


- What was the impact of Edward the Confessors reign?
  - Who Edward the Confessor and the Witan were.
  - Key events in his life.
  - Why his death caused problems for the line of succession.
- Who had the strongest claim to the throne?
  - The strengths and weaknesses of Harald Hardrada
  - The strengths and weaknesses of Harold Godwinson
  - The strengths and weaknesses of William Duke of Normandy
  - The strengths and weaknesses of Edgar the Aetheling
- Why was the Battle of Stamford Bridge important?
  - Chronology of battle.
  - Tactics used.
  - Consequences for Harold Godwinson and Hastings
- How did the armies of the Saxons and Normans differ?
  - The strengths and weaknesses of the Fyrd and Huskcarls.
  - The strengths and weaknesses of the Norman Knights, Archers and Footmen.
  - Likely winner based on Stamford Bridge & makeup of armies.
- Why did William win the Battle of Hastings?
  - The use of the Saxon shield wall.
  - Why William's fake retreat tactic worked (and why the Fyrd did not).
  - How luck played a factor.
- How did William consolidate his grasp over England after the Battle of Hastings?
  - William's march on Dover Castle
  - Destruction of lowland villages
  - Siege of London and Witan

Substantive concepts	Tier 2/3 language	Links to prior and future learning
Power (L1) Government (L1) Succession (L1, L2) Military (L3, L4) Invasion (L3, L5) Monarchy (L6)	Claimant Heir Earl Duke Cavalry Fyrd Huskarl	<b>Papal Banner</b> <b>Relics</b> <b>Oath</b> <b>Illegitimate</b> <b>Witun</b> <b>Archers</b> <b>Knights &amp; Footman</b>

**Prior:**  
Links back to work on conquest – Romans, Saxons and Vikings

**Future:**  
Medieval Plantagenet Kings  
Law of primogeniture  
Tudors and Succession Crisis

Disciplinary knowledge	Misconceptions
 <p>Sources (L1) Significance (L2, L5, L6) Chronology &amp; Causation (L3, L5, L6) Interpretation (L5)</p>	<p>The Battle of Hastings was fought at Hastings. The location of Stamford Bridge – North, not Chelsea. Everyone in the Norman Army were from Normandy. Harold Godwinson lost completely because of the arrow.</p>

Cross curricular:	Careers / Professional Skills:	Scholarship/Historiography: 
		Marc Morris Simon Schama Dan Snow Orderic Vitalis Nicholas Vincent

Local links