



# History

## Key Knowledge

# Year 7

# Norman Conquest

## Key Vocabulary



1. The Battle of Hastings was on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October in 1066
2. Edward the Confessor was King of England from 1042-1066
3. Medieval time period from 5<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century
4. Battle of Stamford Bridge 26<sup>th</sup> of September 1066
5. Harold Godwinson quickly became the monarch, but his crown was contested by King Harald Hardrada from Norway and Duke William of Normandy.
6. Harold Godwinson beat Hardrada at the Battle of Stamford Bridge near York in September 1066.
7. Harold Godwinson was then defeated by William of Normandy on 14th October 1066 at the Battle of Hastings.
8. William become known as the Conqueror and ruled England between 1066-1087.

### Norman Conquest: Three Claims to the throne



#### Harold Godwinson

- Brother of Edward Confessors wife
- English Nobleman
- Killed by William of Normandy



#### William of Normandy

- Distant cousin of Edward the Confessor
- From France
- Won the Battle of Hastings



#### Harald Hadrada

- Norwegian
- Claim from Hardicanute previous King of England
- Defeated in the Battle of Stamford Bridge.

Anglo Saxon Society	Anglo-Saxons England was a largely peaceful and prosperous kingdom.
Battle of Stamford Bridge	Harold's army marched north to defeat the Viking army of Harald Hardrada
Battle of Hastings	Harold force-marched his army from the North to confront William's invasion. William defeated Harold, who was killed in the battle
Taking Control	William's policies were conciliatory to begin with, but Anglo-Saxon rebellions forced him to reconsider this strategy and led to the Harrying of the North
Cultural changes	There were changes such as the Feudal System, ending slavery and the language of the ruling class, but there was continuity from Anglo-Saxon times.

Medieval	The period between 1066-1500
Chronology	Putting events in the order that they happened
Century	100 years
Anglo-Saxons	People that lived in England before the Norman Conquest
Normans	People from the Normandy region of France, led by King William
Bayeux Tapestry	An embroidery telling the story of the Norman Conquest
Conquest	Taking an area by using force
Fyrd	Local farmers that fight for Harold Godwinson's army
Housecarls	Paid, experienced soldiers that fought for Harold's army
Cavalry	William's soldiers that fought on horses
Harrying	To completely destroy

