

SUBJECT: History

UNIT: How have invaders shaped our nation and home? 2



Potential heirs to the English throne in 1066: Who should become king?

Harald Hardrada

Viking King of Norway
Vikings had ruled Britain before.
Most feared warrior in Europe –
Hardrada means 'hard ruler' and
his nickname was 'the
Ruthless'. Harald was supported
by Tostig, Harold Godwinson's
brother who wanted revenge.



Harold Godwinson

Anglo-Saxon. Earl of Wessex,
one of the most powerful men
in England
Harold's sister was married to
King Edward. Harold was a
brave and respected soldier
with a tough streak.
The Witan, wanted Harold to
be the next king.



William of Normandy

Duke of Normandy, France.
William came from a fighting
family. He was a brave soldier.
Edward's cousin. Edward had
lived in Normandy from 1016-
1042. Edward had supposedly
promised that William should
become King of England.



Why did William win the Battle of Hastings?

Preparations:

- William had well trained and professional soldiers compared to Harold's (Fyrd-made up of many farmers),
- William's men were ready, rested and well supplied. Harold's army was tired following the Battle of Stamford Bridge.

Luck:

- Harold had to fight the Vikings first this gave William the advantage.
- During the battle – the Saxons broke the shield wall during the Norman tactic (feigned retreat).

Leadership:

- William was very brave and led his men very well.
- William showed his face during the battle to keep his soldiers from running away.
- He used tactics such as the feigned retreat which led to Harold being shot in the eye.

SHORT TERM
LONG TERM

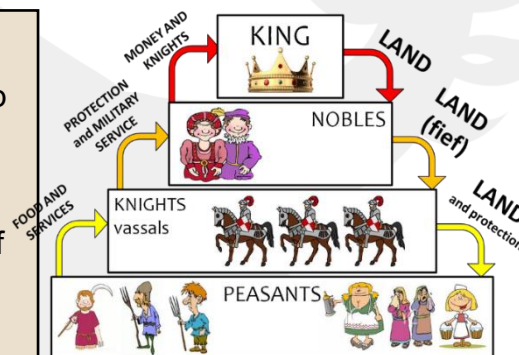
How did William maintain control?

Problems and Solutions

Angry rebellion at Dover- William used negotiation and force.
Rebellion of English earls in London-William used violence and force e.g. William's army robbed & destroyed villages.
People in the north were organising rebellions with the Vikings- William used violence and force- Known as the 'Harrying of the North'.

CASTLES

Motte and Bailey: built to help fight against rebellions. They were built quickly and made out of wood. The Bailey was on flat land, where majority of the people lived. The Motte was the higher land of the castle, where the fort was.



Feudal Pyramid of Power

DOMESDAY BOOK

In 1086, William sent out surveyors to every part of England, with orders to list: how much land was there, who had owned it in 1066, and who owned it now, what was the place like, and who lived there, how much it was worth in 1066 and how much now
William did this to allow him to effectively tax the land and earn money.



Life in Norman England

Village/towns: 95% of pop lived in villages, life depended on a good harvest. Towns grew and as a result trade increased.
Law and order: William made changes to laws to control people in England, he had harsh punishments including fines.
Religion: William called Hastings a religious crusade, he wanted to make the English Church 'better and more like in France.'