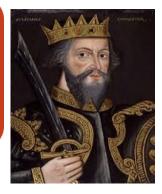




KEY KNOWLEDGE

Britain was successfully invaded by a Norman army from France in 1066. This is one of the most well-known dates in English history. The Norman Conquest changed the face of England forever. William ruled as unquestioned conqueror and the Saxons became merely an unpaid workforce for their new lords (see The feudal system and the Domesday Book).





KEY PEOPLE

Edward the Confessor – King of England until January 1066.

Harold Godwinson - was the last crowned king of England. He was killed at the Battle of Hastings.

Harald Hardrada – 1066 he went to conquer England, but he died in the battle at Stamford Bridge.

William of Normandy – led the Norman Conquest of England in 1066 and earned him the nickname William the Conqueror.



Why was England a Battlefield?





KEY WORDS

Anglo-Saxon	Period of English History from the fifth century until the
England	Norman invasion.
Claim to the throne	To believe you have a right to rule.
Heir	A person who is next in line to the throne.
Earl	Rules Earldom. High ranking member of Anglo-Saxon aristoc-
	racy.
Fyrd	Anglo-Saxon Army. Every five hides had to send one man.
Housecarls	Highly trained, professional
	Warriors. Often serve as Bodyguards.
Oath	Solemn promise. Often made on the Bible or religious relics.
Shield wall	Tactic where shields are overlapped in defensive formation,
	used by Anglo-Saxons.
Shire	A country area in England.



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TIMELINE

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1042	Edward the confessor crowned	
	king of England.	
January	Death of Edward the confessor,	
1066	Harold Godwinson crowned King of	
	England.	
July 1066	Harold prepares forces in south	
	against invasion.	
Sept 1066	Harald Hardrada invades England	
20th Sept	Battle of Fulford Gate.	
1066		
21st Sept	King Harold marches North to	
1066	face	
	Hardrada.	
25th Sept	Battle of Stamford bridge.	
1066		
28th Sept	William of Normandy lands at	
1066	Pevensey.	
14th Oct	The Battle of Hastings.	
1066		
25th Dec	William crowned King of England.	
1066		

