

Hello everyone!

This is your second Induction Task for our History A level course "Anglo-Saxon England and the Anglo-Norman Kingdom c.1053-1106".

You are expected to complete the task and hand it in your teacher in September. Please don't hesitate to contact me however if something is unclear or if you experience any difficulty. My email is dauteuille@heles.plymouth.sch.uk. Alternatively, you can also contact Mr Stone or Mrs Butler.

Kind regards,

Dr Dauteuille

Induction Task 2

Watch the documentary "The Normans" episode 1 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mV7igr_jKHs), answer the following questions and complete the task. If the link does not work anymore, look for the BBC documentary "The Norman" episode 1, narrated by historian Robert Bartlett.

William, Duke of Normandy

1. What is the legend surrounding the conception of William, Duke of Normandy?
2. Who was William's father?
3. What was the problem with William's birth?
4. When did William's father die and how old was William then?
5. What happened to William's guardians throughout his childhood?
6. What happened in 1047 and how did William deal with the rebellion?
7. What is the name of the battle that saw the making of William as a ferocious fighter?
8. Once in control, what were William's next two steps?
9. How tall was William?
10. Was William religious?
11. What do the events of Alençon show?
12. How did one Norman historian present William?
13. What did William do in his thirties?
14. What land did he conquer in 1063?

Background to the Battle of Hastings:

15. What was the relationship between William and Edward the Confessor, king of England?
16. Who was William's main rival for the throne of England? Give details.
17. What amazing document sheds light on the Norman Conquest? Explain.
18. How did Normans and English differ in their appearance?
19. What did Harold (possibly) do in 1064? Write the story as shown in the Bayeux Tapestry.
20. What are reliquaries?
21. Why do some historians think it's unlikely Harold made the oath?
22. Why was this oath crucial for William?
23. What sort of support and troops did William secure for his invasion of England in 1066?
24. What were the two 'bad' omens for William? What can you learn about William's personality from these two anecdotes?

Understanding the order of key events:

Use the documentary from 40 minutes 18 to draw a chronological list of events of 1066, from January to October. *Don't worry if the documentary doesn't always mention dates – this should not stop you from drawing a list of events in the correct order.*