

Hello everyone!

I am delighted to teach the History A level course on "Anglo-Saxon England and the Anglo-Norman Kingdom c.1053-1106". We will mostly focus on England before and after the Norman invasion, looking at change and continuity. The Norman Conquest of England dramatically changed the course of English and European History - many of you have a Norman first name, or even a Norman last name, because of it! I hope you will enjoy this course as much as I do.

This week, I would like you to get to know William Duke of Normandy (aka William the Conqueror) a bit more, as well as get a sense of the 1066 story. Please see the tasks below.

I will be posting new tasks every 2 weeks. I will make the deadline clear every time and expect you to email me a copy or photo of your work so I can see how you are getting on and award you Achievement Points. My email is [dauteuille@heles.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:dauteuille@heles.plymouth.sch.uk). Please don't hesitate to contact me if something is unclear or if you experience any difficulty.

Finally, well done to those who have already emailed me their Induction Task!

Kind regards,

Miss Karine

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### **Home Learning 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**

**Due date: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Watch the documentary "The Normans" episode 1 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LD6zJON2xTc>), answer the following questions and complete the task.

#### **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.*

**Enjoy!**