

**Enquiry question: How disruptive were the Normans?**



What am I going to learn?

1. Why was 1066 a year of chaos?
2. What threats did King Harold face in September 1066?
3. What happened at the Battle of Hastings?
4. What problems did William the Conqueror face?
5. What was the impact of Norman castles?
6. What was the Harrying of the North?
7. How far did land ownership change under William?
8. What was it like to live in Norman England?
9. What can we learn from the Domesday Book?
10. End of topic knowledge quiz and skills questions

Keyword	Definition	Keyword	Definition
Archers	soldiers who used bow and arrows	Invasion	trying to take over somewhere with force
Architecture	the design and construction of buildings	Land ownership	who owns lands in the country
Cavalry	soldiers who rode horses into battle	Motte and bailey castle	an early form of castle made from wood and mud
Coronation	the ceremony of crowning a king or queen	Succession crisis	conflict over the next ruler following the death of a monarch
Feudal system	a social system introduced by the Normans	Survey	asking people questions to learn about something
Harrying	to destroy life in an area by killing people, damaging their homes and land	Witan	the King's trusted advisors / royal council

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### How disruptive were the Normans?

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- The Normans seized land that had previously belonged to Anglo-Saxons
- The Normans put down rebellions with terror and violence
- Villages were often destroyed to make space for Norman castles
- Women were only allowed to hold land if they were married to a Norman

- Slavery was eventually outlawed under William's rule
- Great cathedrals and monasteries were built
- New words were introduced to develop the English language
- Life for peasants did not experience much change

1042	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 1066	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 1066	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 1066	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 1066	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 1066	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 1066	1069	1085	1087
Edward the Confessor becomes King of England	Edward the Confessor dies	Harold Godwinson becomes King of England	The Battle of Gate Fulford	The Battle of Stamford Bridge	The Battle of Hastings	William of Normandy becomes King of England	The Harrying of the North	William commissions the Domesday Book	King William I dies

