

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Subject: History

Topic: The Normans

Year: 4

What should I already know?

- Who the Anglo Saxons were.
- What a battle is.
- The structure of castles.
- Some people fought for the throne in the past.



What am I going to learn?

- Identify where the Normans came from.
- Who the contenders for the crown were in 1066.
- Who Edward the Confessor was.
- The main events of Battle of Stamford Bridge and the Battle of Hastings.
- The problems that William the Conqueror went through after the Battle of Hastings.
- The purpose for building castles.
- How castles were built and the advantages and disadvantages of the materials they were built with.
- The features of a castle.
- How William the Conqueror could control everyone in the country.
- The Feudal System.
- What the Domesday Book was and why it was important.

Vocabulary

Anglo-Saxon: A person of Germanic descent who lived in England before the Norman Conquest.

Chronological: According to the order in which things happen.

Commissioner: The head of a government department.

Compile: To gather information together to form one written work.

Conquer: To get or overcome by force.

Contender: A person who competes with other people to try to win something, such as a prize or a position

Knight: A soldier on horseback in the Middle Ages. A knight had to serve as an apprentice and follow many rules.

Population: The total number of people living in a country, city, or other area.

Portcullis: A strong, sliding grill suspended at the top of a fortification gateway that can be lowered to prevent entry, as to a castle.

Reign: Rule by a king or queen or the period of one monarch's rule.

Viking: Any of the Scandinavian sea warriors and traders who were active from around A.D. 700 to 1100.



Useful Websites

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/normans/who-were-normans/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6/articles/z3s9j6f>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/normans#:~:text=The%20Normans%20were%20the%20next,an%20heir%20to%20the%20throne.>