

Year 7 History SPRING TERM 1- HOW DID THE NORMANS CONQUER ENGLAND?

SECTION 1 - KEYWORDS

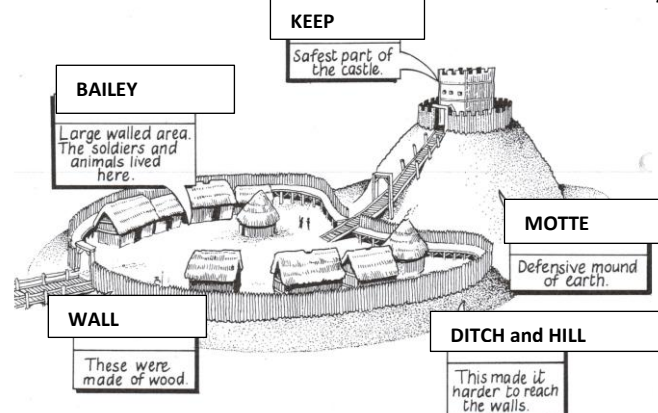
Norman	Someone of French, Norman background who came with William to fight the battle.
Anglo-Saxon	The 'English' people who were already living in England before 1066.
Feudal system	The system introduced by William where land was given or 'rented' to someone less wealthy in exchange for military service or goods. It ensured loyalty.
Barons	Important Normans who helped William to stay King.
Knights	Those who fought on horseback and were skilled warriors. They were trained from a young age in the household of another Knight or a Baron.
Villeins	The poor Anglo-Saxons who usually farmed for a living on the land of a Norman Knight.
Motte and Bailey Castle	The quick-to-build castle made from wood and built on a hill. This was a Norman invention dated from 1066-1100s
Square stone-keep castle	Made with thick stone walls and a well-defended living area (the keep). Built from around the 1100/1200s

SECTION 2 – THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY



- It was **made by the Normans** (commissioned by Bishop Odo – William’s half brother)
- It was made **AFTER the Battle of Hastings**
- It tells the **story** of the run up and during the Battle of Hastings
- It is the **Norman** version of events – it therefore leaves out things that might make Harold Godwinson seem a credible leader (The Battle of Stamford Bridge) and emphasises events that make him seem a bad or dishonourable leader (the oath over holy relics that William would be the next King – shown above)

SECTION 4 – CASTLES – A picture of a Motte and Bailey



SECTION 3 – HOW TO ANSWER A ‘HOW USEFUL IS THIS SOURCE’ QUESTION.

Paragraph 1 Describe one key thing in the source

Use your *knowledge* to say how this is useful.

Paragraph 2 Describe another key thing in the source.

Use your *knowledge* to say how this is also useful.

Paragraph 3 – Explain *how reliable* the source is – who made it and why? Did they have any reasons to exaggerate or not tell the whole story? Is it trustworthy and does that make it *more or less useful overall*?

DESCRIBE = SAY WHAT YOU SEE

KNOWLEDGE = SOMETHING THAT ISN'T IN THE SOURCE BUT IN YOUR HEAD

RELIABLE = TRUSTWORTHY

SECTION 5 – THE FEUDAL SYSTEM DIAGRAM

