

November to December revision tasks

During this half term you have learnt about what England was like before 1066, who should be King of England in 1066 and who won the Battle of Hastings. You have started to look at how William kept control.

You will be tested on your knowledge of these topics by your teacher.

The following sheet is designed to help you to revise the work that we have covered this half term.

Task 1

Pick out the true statements that show what England was like before 1066

1. From the late 8th Century the Vikings began to influence Britain's history.
2. From the late 5th Century the Vikings began to influence Britain's history.
3. This started off with raids, where the Vikings stole goods and prisoners.
4. The Vikings traded with the English and did not fight them.
5. Some Vikings began to settle in Britain. The area ruled by the Vikings became known as Danelaw.
6. Some Vikings began to settle in Britain. The area ruled by the Vikings became known as Vikinglaw.
7. The England was divided into Earldoms. Each Earldom was ruled by an Earl who was loyal to the king.
8. There were only about 1.5 million people living in England in the first half of the 11th century
9. There were only about 15 million people living in England in the first half of the 11th century
10. England was an Industrial society. This meant that nearly all people worked as farmers
11. England was an agrarian society. This meant that nearly all people worked as farmers
12. Since the 7th century many people in England had become Pagan's.
13. Since the 7th century many people in England had become Christian.
14. In the 11th century 98% of people living in England were rich.
15. In the 11th century 98% of people living in England lived in poverty.

Who should be King in 1066?

Task 2

Match up the characters to the correct description

Character	Description
1. Edward the Confessor	A. A Battle fought in the North of England in 1066 between Harold Godwineson and Harold Hardraada.
2. Harold Hardraada	B. William the Conqueror burnt crops and houses and killed animals to punish people who had supported a Viking invasion.
3. Harold Godwineson	C. William was a good leader and used the tactic of retreat to trick the English in to coming down the hill at the Battle of Hastings.
4. William Duke of Normandy	D. William believed he was the rightful King of England and had the support of the Pope.
5. The Harrying of the North	E. He was in the north of England fighting Hardraada when the wind changed direction and allowed William to sail to England.
6. Feudal system	F. A Viking who had ruled Norway
7. The Battle of Stamford Bridge	G. He won the Battle of Hastings in 1066
8. Ambition	H. The King at the start of 1066
9. Harold Godwineson's bad luck	I. An English Earl
10. William's Skill	J. Where the King keeps control by giving land to the people in return for their loyalty and services.