

Read about the Norman Conquest and answer the questions.

1. Following the death of the Edward the Confessor, Harold Godwinson the Earl of Wessex, was crowned King. What relation was Harold to the previous king?

brother

brother-in-law

nephew

son



2. When was Harold Godwinson crowned King of England? Choose one.

6th January 1006

6th January 1600

6th January 1066

6th January 1006



3. Which two other people wanted to be King of England?

Harald Hardrada of Norway

Robert I of Normandy

Richard Neville

William of Normandy

4. Who attacked England on the 25th September? Choose one.

William of Normandy

Harald Hardrada

Harold Godwinson

The Saxons

5. What happened at the Battle of Stamford Bridge on September 25th 1066?

Harald Hardrada defeated Harold

Harold defeated Harald Hardrada

Harold defeated William of Normandy

William of Normandy defeated Harold

6. When did the Norman Conquest take place?

1066

1166

1086

1065



7. Where did William of Normandy attack England from? Choose one.

The south

The north

The east

The west

8. The Battle of Hastings took place on October 14th, just outside Hastings. Where exactly did the battle begin?

Caldbec Hill

Battle

Hastings Ridge

Senlac Hill

9. How were the English positioned at the start of the Battle of Hastings?

Surrounding the hill

At the bottom of the hill

On top of the hill

None of these places

10. Explain why King Harold's troops were not ready to fight William and his army.

They were exhausted and not so well-equipped.

William's army was larger than Harold's.

The Norman soldiers were professional and the English were not.

All of the above reasons.

11. Popular tradition in England claims that for most of the battle the Saxons were winning but that the Normans managed to gain a sudden advantage. How?

They pretended to run away

They surrounded Harold's army and killed Harold.

They set fire to the hill

They used spies

12. According to tradition, and the Bayeux Tapestry, in which part of the body was King Harold injured?

In his heart

In one of his legs

In his eye

In his back, while he was trying to escape

13. How long did the Battle of Hastings last?

Several days

Most of the day, without any breaks

Two to three hours

Most of the day, with a break for lunch



14. Following the Battle of Hastings, William of Normandy became King of England. When was his coronation?

25th November

25th September

25th December

25th October