

## Norman Conquest Mastery Questions.

*How to use:*

1. Use these questions in week one of your revision programme to test your knowledge and identify gaps.
2. Find the answers to any questions you cannot answer and write them in a separate colour.
3. Write out the questions you got wrong on flash cards and test yourself regularly.
4. A few weeks after your first attempt at the questions re-quiz yourself from memory. Repeat steps 2 and 3.

### **Overview questions:**

1. Who were the Anglo Saxons?
2. Who were the Normans?
3. Who were the claimants to the throne in 1066?
4. What do we mean by the term Norman yoke?
5. What does the term Anglo Saxon Golden Age mean?

### **Anglo Saxon England**

6. What religion had the Anglo-Saxons been historically?
7. What religion were the Anglo-Saxons by 1066?
8. How was the Anglo Saxon church different from the Norman church?
9. What were Anglo Saxon churches like?
10. What were Anglo Saxon houses like?
11. What do we mean by the term Anglo Saxon democracy?
12. What was the Witan?
13. What was the Weirgeld?
14. Who was top of the Anglo Saxon social scale below the king?
15. What were Thegns?
16. What were Ceorls?
17. What were Thralls?
18. Give one piece of evidence Anglo Saxon women were treated well and one piece of evidence they were treated badly?
19. Who was Edward the Confessor?
20. Who was Harold Godwinson?
21. Name two other Anglo-Saxon Earls?
22. Which Abbey was commissioned by Edward the Confessor in the Norman style?
23. How was Edward the Confessor related to Harold Godwinson?
24. What happened to Harold Godwinson in 1064-5?
25. Who was Tostig?
26. Give one example of Anglo Saxon culture.

### **Invasion and Victory**

27. Why was William able to invade in 1066?
28. How was William of Normandy connected to the English throne?
29. Why did Harold Godwinson become King on Edward the Confessors death?
30. What date with Edward die?
31. Why did Harald Hardrada believe he had a claim to the throne?
32. What did William claim had happened in 1064?
33. What was a fyrd?
34. Whose claim to the throne did the Pope support?
35. Name the three battles of 1066?
36. Which battle came first?
37. Who won the battle of Fulford?
38. Who lost the battle of Stamford bridge?

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39. Why were these battles a problem to Harold Godwinson?
40. Why was William delayed?
41. Give one way William's background helped him win at Hastings.
42. Give one way his personal qualities helped him win.
43. Give one way luck helped him win
44. Give one way Harold's weaknesses helped William win.
45. When was the Battle of Hastings?

### **Resistance**

46. Give one example of an early castle William built to control England
47. What did William in March 1067 do which suggests he felt confident in his victory?
48. Where was the first major rebellion against William in 1068?
49. Who led this rebellion?
50. How did William respond to this rebellion?
51. Which part of the country began to rebel in 1069?
52. Who led this rebellion?
53. What was the Harrying of the North and how was this related to the events of 1069?
54. Who led a rebellion in the East?
55. Which foreign powers were involved in this rebellion?
56. How did William defeat this threat?
57. Who was Hereward the Wake?
58. Who was Gyrtha?
59. Who were Edwin and Morcar?
60. How would you describe William's response to rebellions?

### **Castles**

61. What is a motte and bailey castle?
62. What material were they originally made from and what does this suggest about how / why they were built?
63. Where was the only area with castles before the Norman invasion?
64. What is the name for an Anglo Saxon fortified town?
65. Name two early castles built in the aftermath of the conquest
66. Why were castles built in the North of England in places like York?
67. Give one example of a castle built for military purposes – how do you know?
68. Give on example of a castle built as a status symbol – how do you know?
69. Between 1066-1071 what was the main purpose of castles?
70. After 1071 what was the main purpose of castles?
71. What were ringworks?
72. How many Norman castles had been built by 1087?
73. What are the four different approaches to researching early Norman castles?

### **Conquest and control**

74. What was presented to William at Old Sauram in 1086?
75. What are the three different potential purposes of the Domesday Book?
76. How was information for the book collected?
77. What was the feudal system?
78. What did the Normans abolish in England?
79. In 1086 what % of the population of England were Norman?
80. By 1086 what % of land was owned by English landowners?
81. Give two reasons the English lost their lands.
82. What were the murdrum laws?
83. What were the forest laws?

### **Norman Conquest Mastery Questions.**

84. What did the Norman landowners demand from the English people?
85. How did religion change after the Norman invasion?
86. How did language change after the conquest?