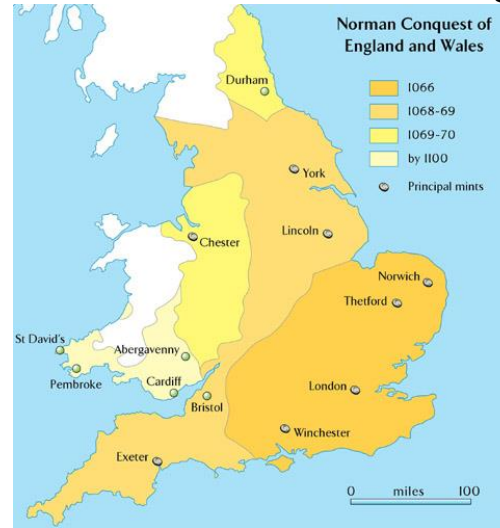


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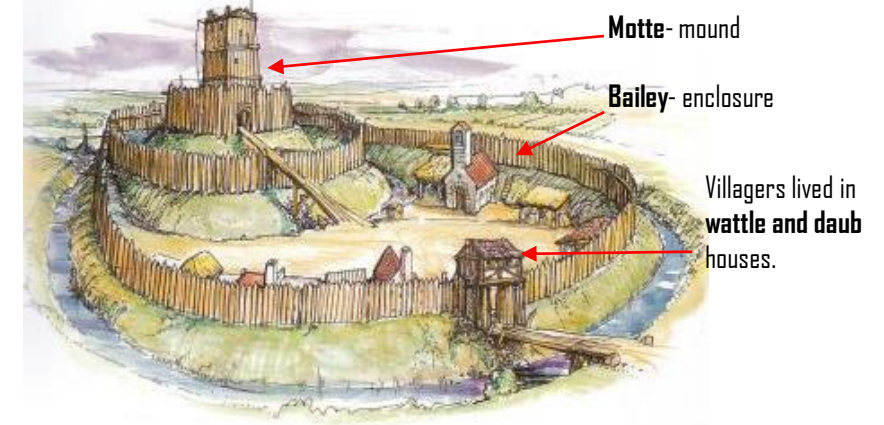
## Key Terms

<b>Conquest</b>	Victory gained through military action.
<b>Contender</b>	someone who is competing with others for something.
<b>Domesday Book</b>	Britain's first land record, created in 1085 by William the Conqueror.
<b>Feudal system</b>	A system where the King gave land to nobles for their loyalty and nobles employed workers and gave them protection in return.
<b>Hastings</b>	A town on the southeast coast of England. The landing site for the Normans and the location of 'The Battle of Hastings'.
<b>Invasion</b>	Military action where one group moves into the territory of another.
<b>Medieval</b>	Referring to the 'Middle Ages'. From the 5 <sup>th</sup> to the 15 <sup>th</sup> Century.
<b>Motte and Bailey Castle</b>	A style of dwelling which included a mound with a castle (for good views of the land), an enclosure with a village and a moat (for protection).
<b>Normandy</b>	An area of Northern France.
<b>Witan</b>	A council made up of the most powerful men in England.

When Edward the Confessor died in 1066, Harold Godwinson was crowned King of England by the Witan (council). William Duke of Normandy decided to invade England. King Harold was killed at the **Battle of Hastings** and William was crowned King at Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day, 1066.



The Normans built a lot of castles around Britain.



Originally Vikings from Scandinavia, Normans were the people who lived in **Normandy**, France. 'Normandy' comes from 'norsemen' in French.



The Normans had a culture of battle. Norman knights would have heavy armour and ride horses, giving them an advantage over opposing armies on foot. During his reign, William succeeded in invading much of the British Isles.



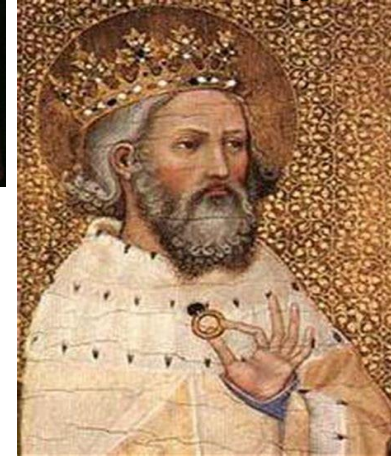
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## Key Dates

5th January 1066	Edward the Confessor dies
6th January	Harold Godwinson is crowned King
September	Harald Hardrada, King of Norway, invades England
25th September	Harold II defeats the invading King of Norway at the battle of Stamford Bridge
28th September	William, Duke of Normandy lands at Pevensey, in the South of England
14th October	William of Normandy defeats Harold II at the Battle of Hastings
25th December	William crowned King William I of England
1070	Work starts on Canterbury Cathedral
1077	The Bayeux Tapestry showing the Battle of Hastings is completed
1085	The Domesday Book is compiled
9th September 1087	William I dies in Normandy

## Kings of England

Edward the Confessor



King of England:  
1042- 1066 (January)  
He was made a saint.

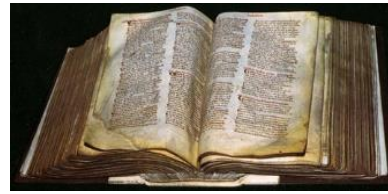
Harold Godwinson William the Conqueror



Also Harold II.  
King of England:  
January 1066-  
October 1066.

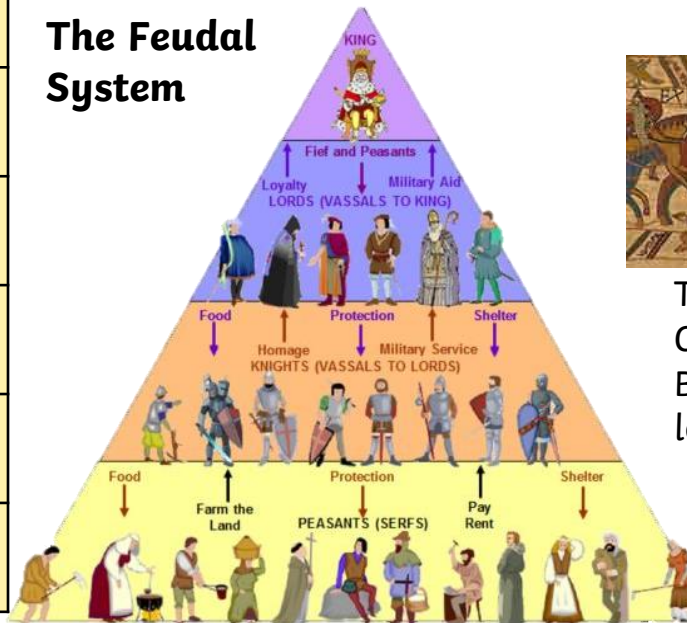


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Normandy.  
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The **Domesday Book** is a public record from 1085 which detailed the land and resources of England and who they belonged to.

## The Feudal System



The **Bayeux Tapestry** tells the story of William the Conqueror's successful invasion and conquest of Britain. It details the **Battle of Hastings**. It is 70m long and is actually embroidered linen.

William the Conqueror introduced the feudal system into England when he became King.