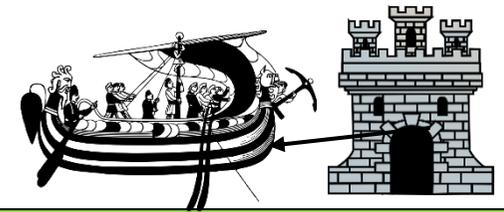


Towers Tunnels and Turrets



Timeline

January 1066	September 1066	October 1066	December 1066
Edward the Confessor dies and Harold II becomes king	Battle of Stamford Bridge between Anglo-Saxons and Vikings Harald Hadrada and King Harold's brother Tosig are killed	King Harold killed in Battle of Hastings making William of Normandy king	William the Conqueror crowned at Westminster Abbey as King William I on Christmas Day

Key Books that we will be reading – Norman the Norman from Normandy, Rapunzel. Film – Tangled
 Key websites to support learning - <https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryMagazine/DestinationsUK/History-of-Castles/> <http://www.castlefacts.info/>

Key Vocabulary

King	Ruled and protected the country
Baron	Very rich but allowed to be in control of their own land
Knight	Fought for the King and country
Peasant	Did all the work like farming
Chain Mail	flexible armour consisting of small metal rings linked together
Church	The King took control of all church land and appointing bishops
Invasion	invading a country or region with an armed force
Turrets	The tower at the corner of a castle
Motte and Bailey	Means mound and enclosure and these castles were made of wood and earth where the mound was a vantage point and the bailey an area at the foot of the motte for living areas
Portcullis	To protect the entrance of a castle from invaders
Windsor Castle	Now the Queen's home but originally a motte and bailey castle. However, due to how vulnerable they were to attack, this, like many others, were rebuilt using stone.
Draw Bridge	A bridge that can be pulled up to stop enemies invading

DID YOU KNOW?

The Normans taught the English the game of conkers. People still play it today. Even adults take it quite seriously and have a world championship every year!

General Knowledge

Who Were the Normans?

The Normans that invaded England in 1066 came from Normandy in Northern France.

Knights and Soldiers

The invasion was so successful, largely because the Norman Knights were highly skilled. They rode on horseback and held a strong spear (lance) under their arms. Horses were expensive so the English did not use them in battle. Knights trained from a young age, started as pages, to squires and then to a Knight. Given land by barons in return for military service.

The first castles were built by the Normans and were called motte and Bailey Castles

Windsor Castle

William the Conqueror had Windsor Castle and the White Tower at the Tower of London built. Built in 1070 – 1079

Cardiff Castle

This is a Motte and Bailey Castle built as early as 1081 by order of William the Conqueror.

Edinburgh Castle

Built on castle rock, which is a large inactive volcano

Belfast castle

Built by the Normans in the late 12th century from stone and timber, burning down 100 years later.

Famous Figures

Three Possible Kings

The throne was not inherited but was given to someone powerful when Edward died. There were three possible kings hoping to be crowned.

Harold Godwinson - promised throne by English leaders

Harald Hardrada - thought his family had been promised the throne by a previous King.

William, Duke of Normandy - said that Edward has promised him the throne before he died.

Harold Godwinson defeated Harald Hardrada at the Battle of Stamford Bridge and heard news that William, Duke of Normandy, had invaded Southern England. Harold marched south and the two armies met near Hastings on 14th October 1066. Initially, Harold's armies held strong, but William told his army to feign defeat and pretend to run away from the scene. The English soldiers chased them, leaving their hill top positions and leaving themselves vulnerable. William was victorious and was crowned King of England.

William, Duke of Normandy (c.1028-1087)

Usually known as William the Conqueror, he was the first Norman King of England after his invasion from Normandy in 1066. He introduced a feudal system where all land was owned by the ruling king and given in exchange for work. 1/4 of land was owned by the king as personal property, some was given to the church and the rest was leased out under strict controls. Barons, knights and villeins made up the rest of the system.