

Key vocabulary

Battle: A fight between two armed forces.

Normandy: A region in France where William the Conqueror came from.

King: A male ruler of an independent state, especially one who inherits the position by right of birth.

Conqueror: A person who wins control over a place or people through force.

Knight: A man who served his lord as a mounted soldier in armour.

Key learning

The Battle of Hastings took place in 1066 and was a significant moment in British history. It marked the beginning of Norman rule in England after William the Conqueror, the Duke of Normandy, defeated King Harold II. This event changed the way the country was governed and led to the merging of Norman and Anglo-Saxon cultures. It also influenced the English language and architecture, as we can see from the grand castles and churches built by the Normans.



Umbrella question



Why was the battle of Hastings such an important event?

Hinge questions

1. What year did the Battle of Hastings take place? What was it like then?
2. Who were the two main leaders involved in the Battle of Hastings?
3. Why did the Battle of Hastings happen?
4. What was the outcome of the battle?
5. How did the battle change England?



