

## What led to William's success in the Battle of Hastings?

Year 3/4 Cycle A Summer Term History

### Use previous learning

What made the ancient Romans so powerful? How were they finally defeated?  
Roman governance by elected Emperor Tribe leadership by chief

### Think deeply about

Why did William want to invade England?  
What left so vulnerable and able to be defeated?  
Did Harald make any mistakes?  
Do you think there were any other ways to solve the dispute?  
Is power worth fighting for?  
What makes this battle so significant?  
What evidence the Bayeux tapestry gives us and how reliable it is  
What difference would it make if there were texts, letters and newspaper reports to go alongside the pictures?



### Learn

That we  
About how governance and sovereignty developed following the Romans defeat  
How power is a common reason for war  
What caused the different claims to the throne?  
How decisions and choices lead to consequences – choosing allegiances, choosing tactics  
About the impact of this battle on the rest of English history  
About the Bayeux tapestry and how it is important to consider the bias of any evidence

### Use Key Vocabulary

Anglo-Saxons	Normans	Duke of Normandy	
King Harold	succession	attack	shield
sovereign	rival	victory club	fleet
allegiance	invasion	mace	Battle of Fulford
conquest	realm	sword	Battle of Stamford
heir	defend	spear	Bridge

### Explore



Bayeux tapestry <https://www.historyextra.com/period/norman/5-bayeux-tapestry-facts-what-is-it-why-was-it-made-and-what-story-does-it-tell/>

Why William won Battle of Hastings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiaCld6pANI>

What happened <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37645852>

Use images from the tapestry to draw your own impression of soldiers from that time.