

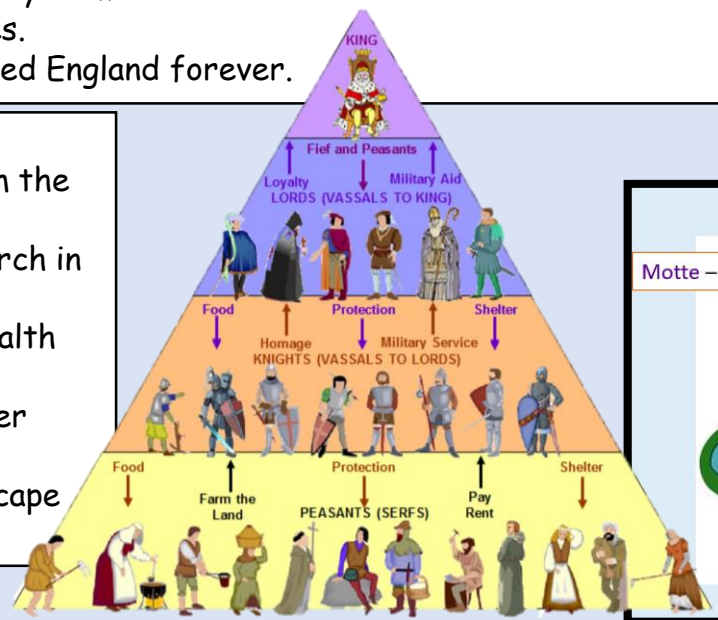


History Knowledge Organiser

Year: 7
Topic: Norman Conquest
Half term: Spring 1

- **1066:** King Edward the Confessor has died and he left no heir
- There were 4 claimants to the throne, Harold Godwinson, William of Normandy, Edgar the Aethling and Harald Hardrada.
- Eventually the Witan decide that Harold Godwinson should be king.
- In October, Harald Hardrada and Harold Godwinson fight at the Battle of Stamford Bridge.
- Harold Godwinson won this battle, walked 200 miles home and had to fight against William of Normandy.
- 14th October 1066 William of Normandy conquered England and became king.
- William now needed to control England and did this in many ways:
 - Created the Domesday Book
 - Brought in the Feudal system
 - Built over 1000 castles.
- The Norman Conquest changed England forever.

- Facts!**
- ❖ 6 out of 10 words come from the Norman language, French!
 - ❖ William reorganised the church in England.
 - ❖ William altered the ways wealth was inherited.
 - ❖ He began to create a two-tier parliamentary system.
 - ❖ William created a new landscape by building castles.



Homework tasks

1. Learn the key words and their definitions.
2. Design your own KO using the knowledge gained in your lessons.
3. Choose one of the topics we have covered in this unit and teach a family member. Ask them to write a review of what you have told them.

Submit your homework to your class teacher for achievement points!



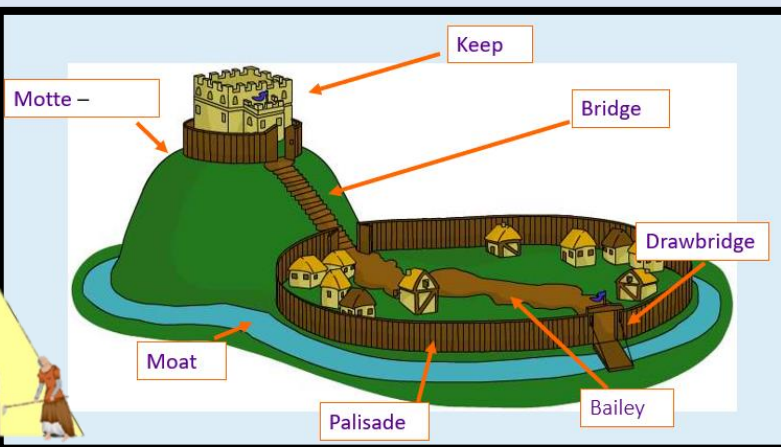
Harold Godwinson



William of Normandy



Harald Hardrada



Key Terms

Witan	Anglo-Saxon council
Claimants	People who could claim connections to the throne
Invasion	An unwelcome intrusion into another's domain
Conquest	The assumption of control of a place or people by military force
Feudalism	A system of land ownership and control
Legacy	Something that is long lasting
Motte and Bailey	Temporary, wooden castles
Stone Keeps	These replaced the Motte and Bailey castles
Control	The power or influence over something/someone
Changes	Different to before
Continuity	Things that have stayed the same
Causation	The act of causing something
Domesday Book	A way to record the wealth and belongings of people
Tyrant	A cruel and oppressive ruler

Suggested Reading

- 1066 by G. K. Holloway
- Conquest by Julian Stockwin
- Norman, the Norman from Normandy by Tom Morgan Jones
- 1066: The Norman Conquest by Jim Eldridge