

Castles

Today we will be...

Finding out who built the first castles in the UK and why.



There are lots of castles in the UK. Have you seen any of them?



The first castles in the UK were built by the Normans. This picture is a section of the **Bayeux Tapestry**.



What do you think is happening?



The men are Normans. They are preparing to invade England.



What can you see in the picture?

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Edward the Confessor had been king of England from 1042 until he died in January 1066. He was about 63 when he died.

Edward did not leave an heir, so four different men decided they should be king next.



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Harold of Wessex was crowned the king of England as soon as Edward died.



Can you spot Harold?



William, Duke of Normandy, was unhappy about this. He said Edward had promised he could be king and that Harold had sworn an oath to support him.





Where do you think William,
Duke of Normandy, was from?



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He was from Normandy. Normandy is in France. This meant he had to sail his army to England.



A legendary battle took place in Hastings between Harold and William and their armies. It is called the **Battle of Hastings**.



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The battle took place in **1066**.

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William won and became known as **William the Conqueror**.
England fell under Norman rule.



Can you spot William? He has just taken off his helmet.

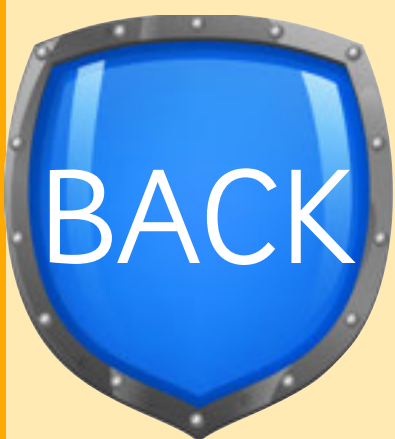
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Even though William had won the Battle of Hastings, he had only conquered the south of England.



How do you think the English people felt about being invaded?



Hot seat William the Conqueror!



Make sure you ask him if he is going to try and conquer the rest of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

