

On 5 January 1066, \_\_\_\_\_ died. He had left no direct heir to the throne, and there were three men who felt they had a claim to the throne.



Harold II was crowned on January 6 1066. The other two claimants felt this was unfair. They decided to attack.

Harold Hardrada attacked first. Thousands of \_\_\_\_\_, in 200-300 ships sailed to Yorkshire. What did Harold do?

At the battle of \_\_\_\_\_, on 25 September, Harold destroyed the Viking force. The Vikings who survived filled only 24 ships.

This was a fantastic victory for Harold!

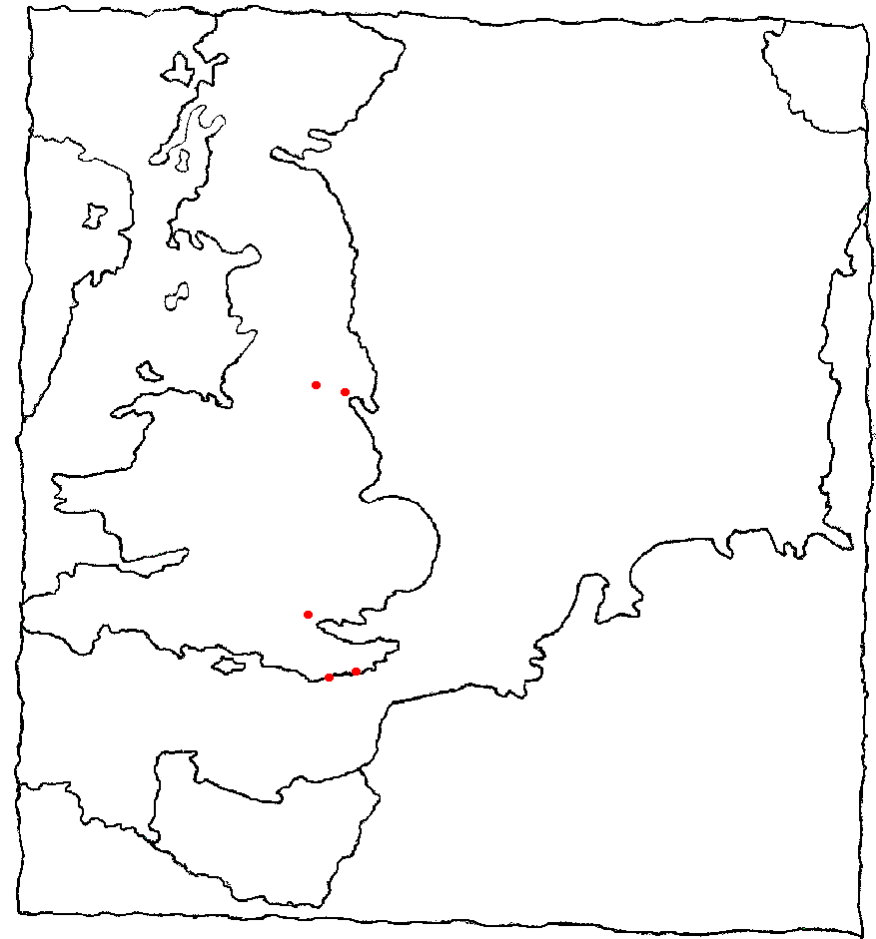
William is prevented from sailing by winds and storms. He sets sail on September 27 and lands at \_\_\_\_\_ on September 28. At \_\_\_\_\_ he builds a fort and camp.

Harold's troops had to march \_\_\_\_\_ miles south to prepare for another battle against the Normans. Harold and his men take \_\_\_\_\_ days to march south from Stamford to Senlac Hill.

How well prepared was King Harold for the Battle of Hastings?

Using information from the textbook or any resources you have - try to think of five difficulties Harold faced before the battle of Hastings

# The Events of 1066



Three claims but only one throne