



William's Problems



William the Conqueror had five major problems to sort out after he defeated Harold Godwinson at the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

1. Some could be sorted out quickly:

Three of the problems were in particular places. Colour these problems in red.

2. Some of these problems would take a long time to sort out.

Look for the words money and control. Colour these problems blue.

He had to capture the castle at Dover. There were lots of soldiers there.

He had to have money to rule the country. Who could he get it from?

There were still some English soldiers in London. He had to get there quickly and defeat them.

The Danes were still in the north of England. The English people there might try and join them to try and stop William.

Many of the English Lords did not want William to be king. He could not trust these Lords to keep their men under control.

The red problems were the most urgent ones for William to deal with, so he had to deal with them quickly. The blue ones could take a bit longer to sort out.

Which problem do you think should be sorted out first? Remember William is still in Hastings - you could use a map to help you decide..

When you reach your decision number the red problems 1, 2 and 3. One being the most important and three being the least important. Number the blue problems 4 and 5.



William's Solutions



On the previous page you studied the problems that William the Conqueror faced after the Battle of Hastings. You listened to the teacher explain why William had to deal with them. Now read the solutions below that William came up with to deal with these problems.

Can you match up the solutions with William's problems?

Label them 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

William made the nobles (Lords) pay taxes to him.

William marched to London, burning down houses and killing the English soldiers who stood up to him.

William made the English Lords promise to be loyal to him, if they did this then William let them keep their lands.

William went straight to Dover and killed all the soldiers in the castle, he left his own soldiers there instead.

William sent soldiers to kill all the people who had rebelled against him. To punish them he destroyed villages and farms across a wide area around York and killed all the farm animals.

TASK

- Now that you have matched up both the problems and the solutions write today's date in your exercise book.
- Write the title 'William's Problems and Solutions' at the top of the page.
- Copy out the matched up problems and solutions in the order of importance that you have decided.