

Revision for KS3 assessment!

Norman control of England



1. Which battle did William the Conqueror win?
2. What was the name of the man William defeated at the battle?
3. What country was William the Conqueror from?
4. What was the year of the battle?
5. What did William build lots of?
6. Who was at the top of the feudal system?
7. Who was at the bottom of the feudal system?
8. What was the name of the book William had made?

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Revision sheet

Task 1: List 3 ways William controlled England

Task 2: Choose one of those reasons and explain why it worked well to control the English

CHALLENGE: What does this monk suggest about the Domesday survey?

Source A

'William wanted to know what taxes were owed to him. The investigation was very thorough. There was not a single piece of land and not even a single knife or fork that was not recorded in his book! How shameful to violate people's privacy this way'

From: 'The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle' an account of yearly events recorded by English monks

Task 3: Look at Source A. Why is it likely this source will be biased against William? (Think about who wrote it)

Revision sheet – THE BIG QUESTION

‘Without the use of violence William the Conqueror would not have been able to control England.’ How far do you agree with this statement?

Things to consider: were all of Williams responses violent?

- Williams response to rebellion (harrying of the north)
- Williams use of castles
- Williams use of the Domesday book

Domesday book

The Domesday book allowed William to ensure he was receiving the maximum amount of taxation he could

It also meant he was able to identify who owned what and ensure land was effectively owned.

Task: using this sheet as a guide create a revision mind map or grid to summarise Williams responses to rebellion and how he managed to control the Anglo-Saxons.

William’s use of castles

Castles were used to intimidate the Anglo-Saxons and demonstrate Williams power

Castles were built through the labour of the Saxons and it was gruelling, back-breaking work.

Williams response to rebellion

Remember NOT ALL of Williams responses used brutal violence.... ONLY ONE.

In previous rebellions William pardoned the rebels or paid them to leave. HOWEVER, the North was different:

1. William personally rode North to deal with them
2. He murdered thousands of people - some who were not even directly involved in the rebellion
3. He burnt the houses and the earth so no food could grow
4. People were left starving and had to eat each other and animals to survive