

History Topic: Norman Conquest

Key Term	Meaning
Anglo-Saxons	People from Germany who ruled England from the fifth century until 1066
Archbishop	A powerful Church leader, of more importance than a bishop
Baron	A powerful lord who was granted land by the king
Bishop	A man in charge of the affairs of the Christian Church over a large area
Cavalry	Soldiers who fight on horseback
Claimant	A person who would claim they have the right to take a position of power
Clergy	All the people such as priests, monks, nuns who have been appointed to perform religious duties in the Christian Church
Doomsday Book	This detailed record of England it includes information to find out what life in medieval England was really like.
Duke	A European title of nobility, having ordinarily the highest rank below a prince or king
Earl	A powerful nobleman (a rich and influential landowner)
Feudal System	A social system of rights and agreements based on land ownership
Freeman	A peasant who had achieved some freedom from the lord
Fyrd	English foot soldiers
Invade	To bring an army into a country to try and control it
Heir	A person who receives or has the right to receive another person's property or title after that person's death.
Housecarls	Trained English soldiers with axes
Infantry	Foot soldiers
Knight	A lord who was granted land by a baron in return for support and army service
Latin	Official language of the Roman Empire
Lord	A man of high social rank, or a title given to a man who has earned official respect
Medieval	A time period dating from around 400 CE to 1500 CE
Nobility	The people of the highest social rank in a society
Normandy	A region in Northern France
Peasant	The vast majority of poor people in medieval villages, who worked on the land
Scandinavia	The region of northern Europe made up of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark
Vikings	Scandinavians who raided and settled in the south and east of Britain during the ninth and tenth centuries

Expectation: You need to learn the spelling and definition of these key terms