

NATIONAL CURRICULUM HISTORY

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Lesson Summary

Lesson	Lesson Focus	Lesson Activities	Homework Tasks
1	ELECTION 1066 18 pages	Activity 1 The Contenders Activity 2 Election 1066: Preparation Activity 3 Election 1066: Speeches and Voting	Homework 1 The contenders for the throne in 1066 [Standard] Homework 2 The Three Contenders [Advanced]
2	THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY 13 pages	Activity 1 What is the Bayeux Tapestry? Activity 2 What does the Bayeux Tapestry tell us? Activity 3 Examining the evidence Was William Duke of Normandy promised the throne?	Homework 1 What does the evidence say? [Advanced] Homework 2 Draw your own scene from the Bayeux Tapestry [Standard]
3	THE BATTLES OF 1066 17 pages	Activity 1 The Battle of Stamford Bridge Activity 2 The Battle of Hastings Examining the evidence: How did Harold die? Activity 3 Why did William win the Battle of Hastings?	Homework 1 Battle of Hastings newspaper [Advanced] Homework 2 How William's men lined up for battle [Standard]

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4	THE FEUDAL SYSTEM 28 pages	Activity 1 What was the feudal system? Activity 2 Feudal Service: How did the feudal system work? Activity 3 What were the advantages and disadvantages of the feudal system?	Homework 1 The Feudal System Keywords [Advanced] Homework 2 The Feudal System Revision [Standard]
5	REBELLIONS AGAINST WILLIAM I 15 pages	Activity 1 Rebellions against William I Activity 2 Who was Hereward the Wake? Activity 3 Norman castles: Motte and Bailey	Homework 1 Defensive features of Motte and Bailey castles [Advanced] Homework 2 Clifford Tower [Standard]

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6	THE DOMESDAY BOOK 11 pages	Activity 1 What was the Domesday Book? Activity 2 How did William carry out the Domesday survey? Activity 3 What did William learn from the Domesday Book?	Homework 1 Domesday Commissioners [Advanced] Homework 2 The importance of the Domesday Book [Standard]
7	THE MEDIEVAL CHURCH 15 pages	Activity 1 The Medieval Church Activity 2 Heaven and Hell: How could you get to heaven? Activity 3 Why was the Church so powerful in the Middle Ages?	Homework 1 Why did people begin to criticise the Church? [Advanced] Homework 2 Westminster Abbey [Standard]
8	LIFE UNDER THE NORMANS 18 pages	Activity 1 Living in a Norman village: The manor Activity 2 Farming on the manor Activity 3 Festivals and Holy Days	Homework 1 A Medieval Banquet [Advanced] Homework 2 Medieval Pottage [Standard]

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9	NORMAN CASTLES TOPIC WORK 18 pages	2 or 3 lessons. Set the task, organize the groups, distribute the topics, topic information sheets and complete planning grid. Pupils work on their presentations. They should set time aside to rehearse their presentations. Final presentations should be creative and include a general understanding of the topic they choose. Presentations will be assessed.	Homework to include further research, printing pictures, bringing in additional resources and finishing off.
10	ASSESSMENTS AND TARGET-SETTING 14 pages	Activity 1 Presentation of research topics Activity 2 Peer and Teacher Assessment Activity 3 End of Topic Test Activity 4 Source assessment: What was William I like? Activity 5 Extended writing Essay question: Why did William win the Battle of Hastings?	