

GCSE History structure

OCR HISTORY B (SCHOOLS HISTORY PROJECT)		
<u>Content Overview</u>	<u>Assessment Overview</u>	
Thematic Study <i>Migrants to Britain, c.1250 - Present</i>	Paper 1 1 hour 45 mins	20% of GCSE
British Depth Study <i>The Norman Conquest, 1065 - 1087</i>		20% of GCSE
History Around Us <i>Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal</i>	Paper 2 1 hour	20% of GCSE
Period Study <i>Viking Expansion, c.790 – c.1050</i>	Paper 3 1 hour 45 mins	20% of GCSE
World Depth Study <i>Living under Nazi Rule, 1933 - 1945</i>		20% of GCSE



THE NORMAN CONQUEST

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SOMETHING FOR
EVERY SINGLE
QUESTION

BUT REMEMBER:
ONLY ANSWER
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Explain how this would help us to analyse and compare the castles between 1066 and 1087.

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In this book, we have gone on a journey through our national history. We have tracked the story of Harold Godwinson and the other heroes of our own blood. And now we must trace the results of the Norman Conquest.
The Conquest is the greatest turning point in the history of our nation. It is a time when we began to exaggerate its importance. There was widespread foreign influence in our language, our laws, our arts. Our Church lost its independence and its identity. The leading men and families of England lost their lands and their power. A secondary position under foreign intruders. For a while it appeared that the Anglo-Saxons existed only as the slaves of foreign rulers.

Interpretation C
An extract from an article written in 2016 and published by English Heritage. English Heritage is an organisation which protects historic buildings and places in England.
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Architecture means the design of buildings.

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END OF QUESTION PAPER

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Answer Booklet

- You will answer in a separate answer booklet
- Please ensure your name and details are written on accurate for **every booklet you use**
- Please ensure you listen to whoever starts the exam around the **instructions** for how you need to write in the answer booklet



2nd Order Historical Concepts

What **caused** that thing?

What were the **consequences** of that thing?

How is that thing **similar or different** to other things?

How did that thing **change over time**?

How **significant** (important) was that thing?

A thing – person, event, theme, idea, place



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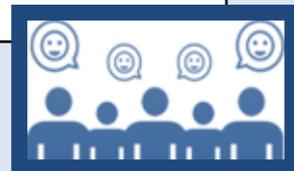
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Interpretations vs Sources

- **Sources** are produced at the time of the thing
- **Interpretations** are how the thing is presented after

- Your job during the Norman Conquest section is to evaluate the **effectiveness of interpretations**, whereas in next week's Nazis section, your job will be to evaluate the **usefulness of sources**



Was the late Anglo-Saxon period a 'golden age' in England's history?

- **Arguments for**: The **king** had strong control. Effective **tax system** meant England very wealthy. Lots of trade in towns (**burhs**). Women had **legal rights**. The English Church was focused and had some effective leaders (e.g. **Dunstan**). Art (**Alfred Jewel**), buildings (**Westminster Abbey**) and literature (e.g. **Beowulf**)
- **Arguments against**: **civil wars** between earls. Existence of slavery (**thralls**). Only **wealthy women** could use their legal rights. Some church leaders were **corrupt** (e.g. **Stigand**), church buildings were **small and primitive** compared to the Normans in Europe



Who were the contenders for the English throne in 1066? Why were they contenders?

Edward the Confessor dies heirless in Jan 1066:

- **Edgar the Ætheling:** last of the royal family (the *Cerdicingas*). Young, inexperienced, little support.
- **Harald Hardrada:** experienced warrior, strict King of Norway, former Captain of the Varangian Guard in Constantinople. Viking, no connection to England.
- **Harold Godwinson:** experienced warrior, ruled on Edward's behalf, married into royal family, brothers all earls supporting him in the Witan, Anglo-Saxon. Not of royal blood, only related to royals by marriage.
- **William of Normandy:** experienced warrior, effective at controlling Normandy through castles and *chevaliers*, cousin of Edward. Norman, Viking ancestry, French.



How and why did William win at the Battle of Hastings in October 1066?

- **Battle of Fulford**: Hardrada vs Edwin & Morcar. **Hardrada victorious**. Captures Northern England.
- **Battle of Stamford Bridge**: Hardrada vs Godwinson. **Godwinson victorious** BUT army now up North and has lost 5,000 soldiers. Survivors = exhausted.
- **Battle of Hastings**: William vs Godwinson. Senlac Hill. Feigned retreat by William breaks Godwinson's shield wall. Godwinson killed (arrow in eye?). **William victorious**. Depicted in the Bayeux Tapestry.



How did William respond to rebellions against his rule between 1066-71?

- **Exeter Rebellion, 1067**: led by Godwinson's mother, Gyrtha. William demands surrender in return for safety of rebels. **Shows mercy**. Gyrtha sent to be a nun.
- **Northern Rebellion, 1069-70**: led by Edwin & Morcar in Durham and York. **William responds with the Harrying of the North** (suggestion of 'genocide')
- **Ely Rebellion, 1070-71**: led by Anglo-Saxon leader Hereward the Wake. Retreats to Ely monastery. William attacks and **kills only the rebels**



Were motte-and-bailey castles used to inspire fear in the Anglo-Saxons?

- Built quickly and out of **wood** – similar to Roman forts
- Large man-made hill (**motte**) with a keep on top to survey the lands around it
- Fortified enclosure below (**bailey**) where the garrison of soldiers would stay and protect the castle
- Built in **strategic locations** to control trade routes
- Built in the **centre of towns and villages**
- Built using **Anglo-Saxon forced labour**
 - 1066-1071 (time of rebellions): **only 35 built**
 - 1071-1067 (no rebellions): **500 built**
- Could motte-and-bailey castles also be a way of keeping his **Norman barons on side**? *‘Run this area for me and in return you can live like a king...’*





How and why did William use the Domesday Survey to control England?

- 1086 – **William on the throne for 20 years** – spends some time in England but most of his time in Normandy
- Entrusts his **barons to run England for him**
- Survey asks everyone in every city, town, village, castle – **how much tax should you be paying me?**
- Reminds EVERYONE (**Anglo-Saxons AND Normans**) of William's supreme power as King
- Demonstrates **Northern England has not yet recovered** from the Harrying of the North 20 years ago, e.g. Bradford still described as *wasta* (wasteland)
- Findings collated for William in ***the Book of Winchester***

DO NOT REFER TO IT AS 'THE DOMESDAY BOOK'

Paper 1 = 40% of GCSE, 4 full grades!

Migrants = 20% of GCSE, 2 full grades

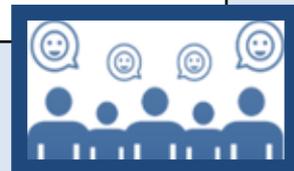
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Unit	Type of question	Marks
Migrants to Britain c.1250 - Present	3x short-answer questions	3
	Clear and organised summary	9
	Explanation question	10
	Judgement-focused essay	18
TIME TO MOVE ON: 50 mins		
Norman Conquest 1065 - 1087	Identify and explain...	3
	If you were asked to do further research...	5
	How do these two interpretations differ...	12
	Judgement-focussed essay	20

9 mark Clear & Organised:

Spend the right time on
two well-developed
paragraphs

Lots of **historical thinking**:
similarity and difference?

10 mark Explanation:

Focus on **reasons why**
something happened - try
to find two major reasons
and explain each with a
paragraph

Drills and Skills

Judgement essays

- ✓ **Plan** your answer **quickly**
- ✓ First para on issue in Q
- ✓ Other paragraphs need to explore & **emphasise/ downplay** other issues
- ✓ **Fully explained conclusion** to finish making sure it makes sense with the rest of your essay (2:2) / (3:1)
- ✓ Keep question-focused!

Interpretations

Consider your second order
historical concepts:

What is **significant** about
that thing?

How is that thing **similar or different** than others?

How did that thing **change over time**?

What **caused** that thing?

What were the
consequences of that
thing?

Key advice and good luck!

1250 AD

1500 AD

1750 AD

1900 AD

2025 AD

MEDIEVAL

EARLY MOD.

IND. & IMP.

MODERN

- **Write down the Migrants to Britain timeline first** – then you have it to refer to, and don't have to keep remembering it! – if time: add the key migrant groups!
- **Don't stop writing!** The examiner can only mark what is on the page, not what is in your head.
- **Essay planning is key** – but only needs to be 4 bullet points – agree/disagree, key evidence – then start!
- **Answer every question** – every mark counts – every 21 marks you gain is effectively a grade added!

