



Start-up Task: Write Down...

Which qualities should a good king or leader have? (give 4+)



Learning Objectives

- To identify the qualities a Medieval King of England should have.
- To explain why there was a power struggle in England in 1066.
- To apply this knowledge to decide who should be King of England.



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Lesson Objective

Work in groups to produce an **election campaign** for the three claims to the throne



Who were the English?

The English were descended from the **Anglo-Saxons**, the **Vikings** and the **Danes**, who had all invaded and then settled once the Romans had left.

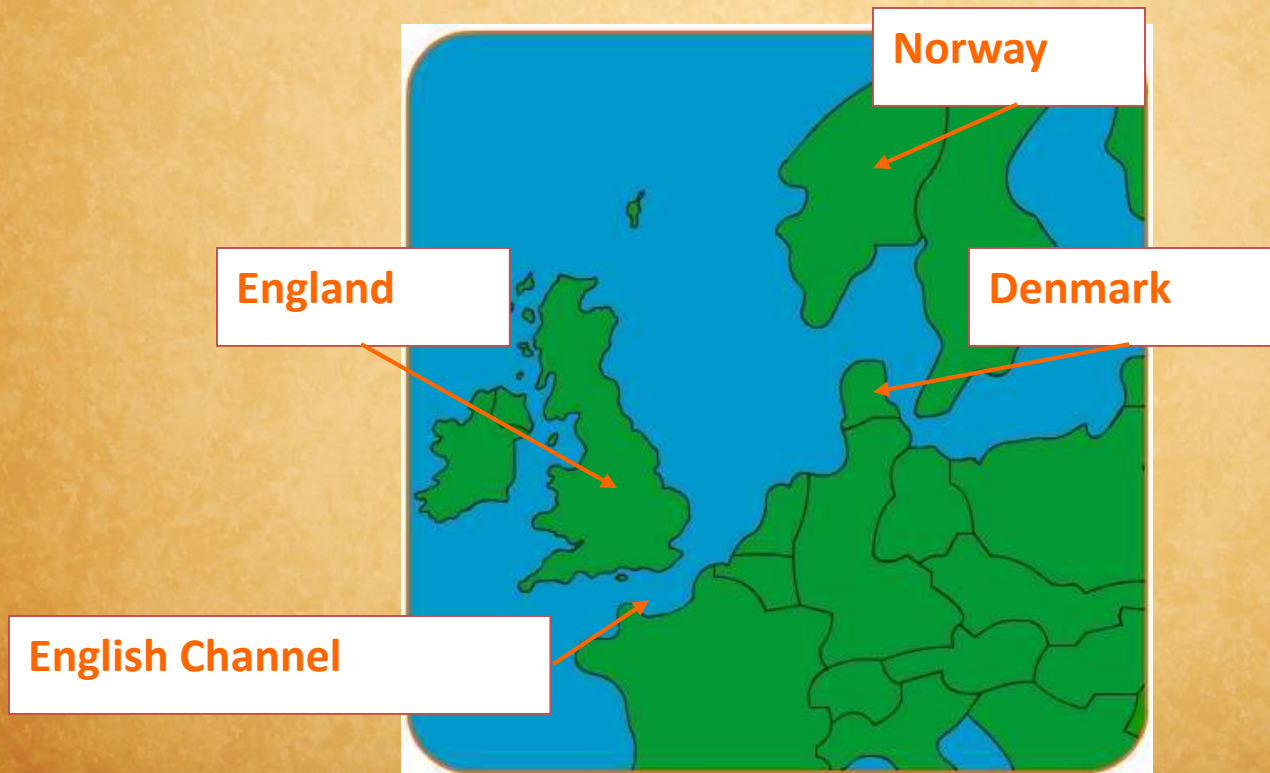
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England in the 1060s

At this time England's connection to Europe did not lie with France, just across the channel, but rather with the **Scandinavian** countries where the Vikings originated from. England had been part of the Viking Empire of **King Cnut** up until 1034.



England's Neighbours...



In Europe, there was a movement by some to unify (join) parts of Europe together. In **Normandy**, the Duke (called William) was fighting in Italy to make himself more powerful and he really wanted to control England too!

England in the 1060s

- There were **1.5 million** people living in England in the 1060s.
- Most people lived in the **countryside** in small villages and worked on the land.
- Much of the southern area of the country was covered in **forest**.



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England in the 1060s

- The country was ruled by **Edward the Confessor**.



What happens when a King dies?

- A father always passed on his goods and title to his eldest son. Therefore the **King** passed on his title or his **throne** to his eldest son.
- As a consequence it was very important for a king to have a male **heir** so there would be no problems about who was the '**next in line**' for the throne.



Why was there a **power struggle** in Medieval England?

- King Edward did not have any **children** so there was now big **arguments** about who should be the next king.



England is left without a King.



3 different men decide that they want the top job....but who are they?

Who should be King?

King Edward died in 1066 three people had a claim to the throne



Harold
Godwinson



William of
Normandy



Harold
Hardrada



Your Task

(Individually- you can work quietly with a partner if you want to)

1. Fill in the blanks (top part)
2. Read through the CV packages
3. Fill in the information about each contender

Which qualities should a good king or leader have?



Election Campaign

In **groups of 3** you are going to decide who should be the next king of England.

You must write a **campaign speech** by that person to present to the class which includes;

- a) **The reasons why you should be king**
- b) **The reasons why your competition should not be king**

Criteria

- ✓ 4 reasons why _____ should be king
- ✓ 2 reasons **against** the competition
(Why ___ and ___ should **not** be king)
- ✓ A slogan/song/poster
- ✓ All group members participate
- ✓ You are **persuasive** (convince us to vote for YOU)

Election Speeches



**Who should be King of
England?**

Review: True or False?

- Edward the confessor died in 1065
- There were three claims to the throne
- William was from Normandy
- Harold Godwinson was from Norway
- William was related to Edward
- Harold Godwinson made a promise to William
about the crown