

RESUMÉ

HAROLD GODWINSON
EARL OF WESSEX
ENGLAND



AGE *44 YEARS*
Nationality *ENGLISH*

CLAIMS TO THE THRONE

- *I am a true Englishman.*
- *I am the most powerful man in England and belong to the most powerful family in the whole of England. We already control the whole of Wessex. My sister is the wife of Edward the Confessor.*
- *I am very ambitious and would like to control the whole of England.*
- *Edward the Confessor promised me the throne on his deathbed saying 'I commend my wife and all my kingdom to your care.'*
- *I am very popular with the people.*
- *I have helped in the running of the country and have had experience of government and control of the army.*
- *I am a brave and heroic fighter. I have proved this many times especially when, as a loyal supporter of Edward, I led the English army to victory over the Welsh.*
- *William says I promised to help him become the King of England. I only did this because he forced me to. He was holding a member of my family hostage and said he would only be released if I swore to be loyal to him.*

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**WILLIAM
DUKE OF NORMANDY
NORMANDY
FRANCE**



AGE *39 YEARS*
Nationality *FRENCH*

CLAIMS TO THE THRONE

- *I have the best claim to the throne because Edward himself offered it to me when I visited England.*
- *When Edward was a boy in 1016 King Cnut invaded England and Edward ran away to Normandy for safety. He stayed in Normandy until he became King of England in 1042.*
- *I helped Edward at that time and sent Norman soldiers to live in England and protect Edward and his throne from attack and rebellion.*
- *Harold Godwinson also said I should become king when Edward died and swore on holy relics that he would help me to fulfil this.*
- *I am very powerful with many powerful friends and supporters.*
- *I have gained land and power by invading neighbouring counties.*
- *I am brave, large and tall, standing 5'10", with exceptional strength.*

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HARALD HARDRAADA KING OF NORWAY



<i>AGE</i>	<i>50 YEARS</i>
<i>Nationality</i>	<i>NORWEGIAN</i>

CLAIMS TO THE THRONE

- *I am the King of Norway and have a good claim to the throne of Denmark. The Danes have conquered England in the past and so I think I should be King of England too.*
- *The Vikings invaded England long ago, in the 860s and settled in the north.*
- *In 1016 King Cnut became King of England, Denmark and Norway.*
- *England was ruled by Norwegian kings right up until 1042 when the Saxon king, Edward, stole the throne from us.*
- *I have the right to be King of England and want to rebuild Cnut's great Viking empire.*
- *Viking families who are living in the north of England would like me to be king and will help me with an invasion.*
- *I am the best fighter in Europe. I am frequently at war and usually win.*
- *I am a tremendous warrior and have a Viking reputation of being fierce. I am tall and strong.*