



William The Conqueror

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Watch Here: <https://youtu.be/vdjw5GINdcl>



Watch the dead famous come to life in this animated history show based on the popular "Corpse Talk" graphic novel series by Adam and Lisa Murphy.

In this episode, our host Adam meets William the Conqueror, a warlord who grew up in Normandy, France, and went on to conquer England. William's path to the throne was not straightforward; there were many twists and turns including broken promises, betrayal and an epic battle...



Dig up the Past

When you've watched the episode, can you answer these questions?

What did Edward the Confessor promise William?

Can you name the English earl who wanted the throne for himself?

How did William the Conqueror win the battle for the throne of England?

Fun Fact

William the Conqueror had a reputation for brutality and was known for cutting off the hands of people who stood against him. You wouldn't want to get on the wrong side of William!

Dead Quick Challenge

William was born in Normandy, France. Can you find the region of Normandy on a map? If you wanted to travel to Normandy today, how might you get there?



Deadly Dates

William was born in 1028. In 1066, he invaded England and became King.

His reign continued until his death in 1087.





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Draw a Class Story

The Bayeux Tapestry tells the story of William the Conqueror's victory in the Battle of Hastings. It is approximately 50 cm wide and 70m long.

As a class, draw your own story!

You could draw the story of a class trip, sports day or school play.

Or perhaps you could draw the story of your class's journey through school starting in Reception?

Decide who is going to draw which bits of the story, then put all your drawings together to make one long illustration to display in your classroom!



Make your own Domesday Book!

William the Conqueror carried out a huge survey of the whole of England to find out more about the country he'd conquered.

The information he collected was put into a book called the Domesday Book.

Can you carry out a survey to find out more about your class? Perhaps you could collect information about your classmate's pets, favourite foods or sports?

Present the information you have collected about your class in your own class Domesday Book!



Before You Go

William the Conqueror and Edward the Confessor both have very cool names! What name would you like to be remembered by 1000 years from now? Perhaps 'Rebecca the Goal Scorer' or 'Tariq the Baker of Cakes'?!

Watch Next:
Queen Elizabeth I

