



# Where Were We?

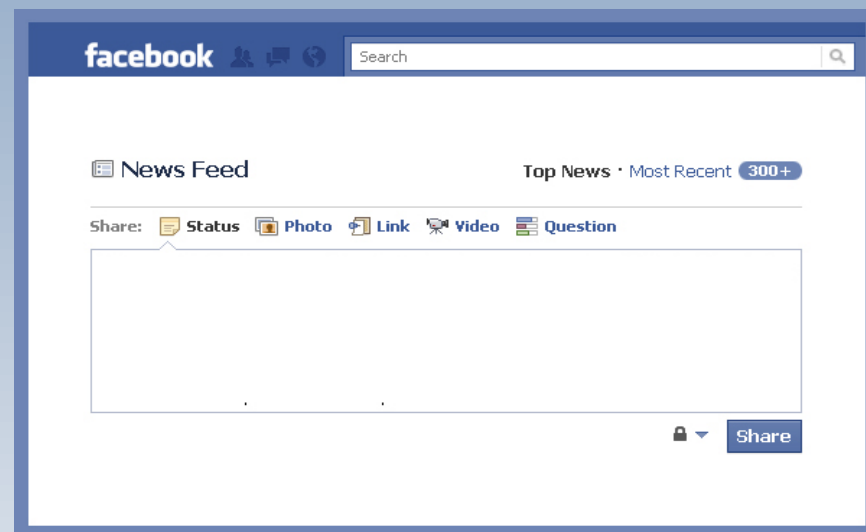
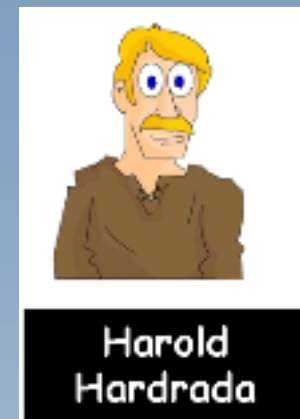
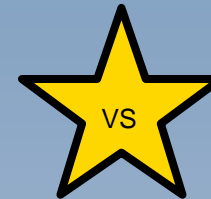
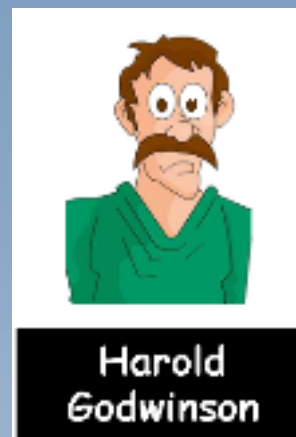
**Task:** Use your knowledge from last lesson to update your Facebook status as Harold Godwinson just after the Battle of Stamford Bridge.....

Describe the strategy you used to claim victory.

How did this make you feel?

How you feel about the news that William has just landed near Hastings?

No more than 140 words....



'Putting yourself in someone else's shoes'.... A key skill in History is known as what?

**#Challenge: Can you create a Tweet that gives the same level of detail? (Only 140 characters!)**

# The Battle of Hastings



## Learning Outcomes:

**ALL** will be able to describe in detail the key events of the Battle of Hastings

**SOME** will begin to identify and assess the effects of these events on the outcome of the battle.

**FEW** will begin to evaluate the significance of the Battle of Hastings on a long term scale.



As historians what questions could we ask of this picture?  
On your table come up with 3 questions to ask.....





Saxons

Normans

Why would King Harold and his  
Saxon army be feeling  
confident now?

Senlac Hill

# Things were looking good for King Harold of England....

Harold was fighting alongside his brothers Gyrth and Leofwine. However, this did not stop the King from getting stuck in....

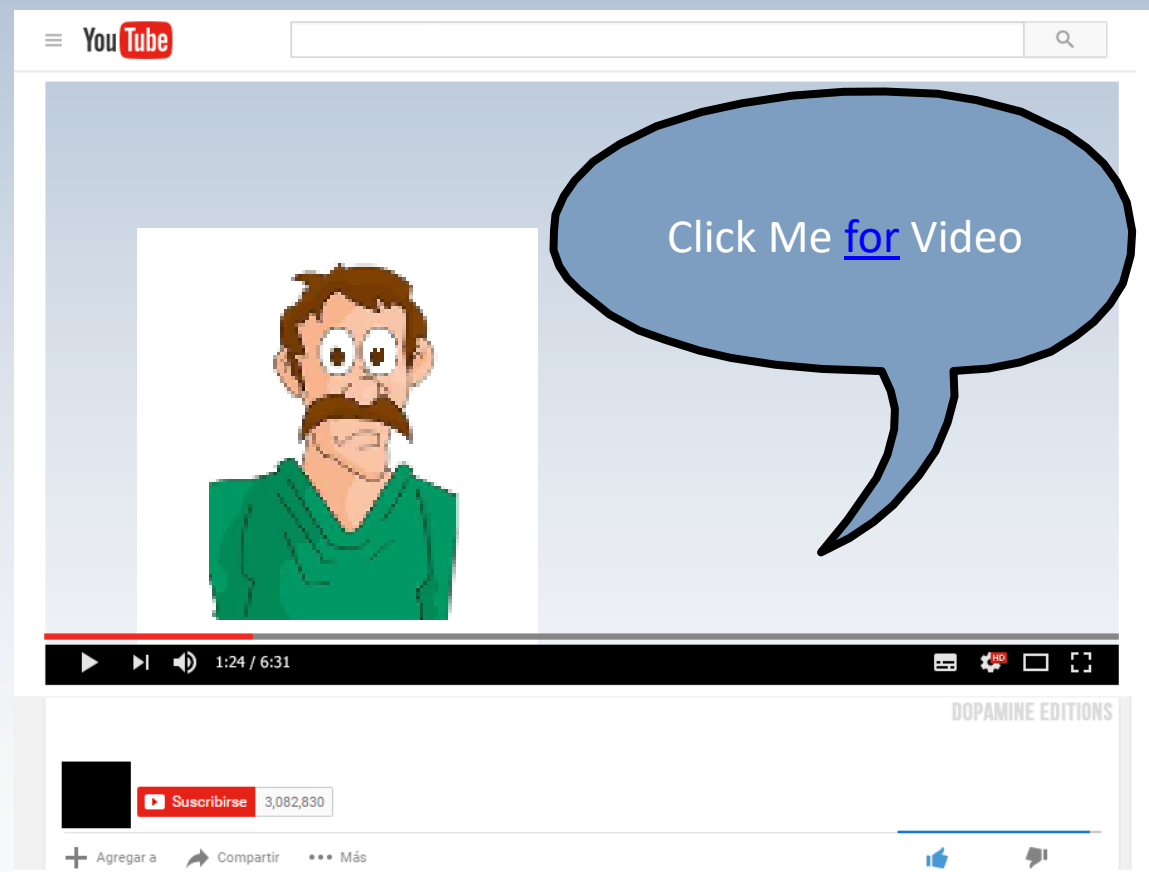
However, during a break in battle in the middle of the day William had created a plan that he believed might just work.....

"William shall never hear that I dare not look him in the face"



**Harold  
Godwinson**

**What does this quote tell us about Harold as a leader and a person?**



## William had done it....

After this tactic being successful a number of times Harold's army was left wide open and they were subject to a storm of Norman attacks...  
...eventually this happened.

Harold was not killed by the arrow, however seriously wounded and eventually Norman warriors were able to catch him where he was cut up in to pieces and beheaded.

**Task:** Using the cards that tell the story of the entire battle, you are to place them in to the following categories:

Harold's Weaknesses

William's Strength

Luck



When you have completed the cards answer the following question in your books:

**How did luck play a part in the result of the Battle of Hastings?**

# A Hard Day's work was Complete!

William had claimed the throne of England in an amazing victory over Harold Godwinson. He and his army sat on the battle field and enjoyed a celebratory feast.

If you had spent an entire day fighting and were celebrating a victory what meal would you most enjoy?  
Draw and label in your books.(Again, you are putting yourself in William's shoes and showing

**EMPATHY!**



Using three different colours, highlight each card depending on which of the categories below you think it matches.

Harold's Weaknesses

William's Strengths

Luck

William arranged his troops carefully and used them skilfully in the battle	The Norman's clever trick of pretending to retreat caused the English to leave their strong position on the hill.	The Normans had knights on horseback who were skilful fighters	The Normans prepared carefully. They brought with them a useful mixture of well-equipped foot soldiers, archers and cavalry
The wind changed and allowed William's troops to cross the channel at a time when Harold's troops were away in the north.	In the middle of the battle, Harold was killed. The English were weak without their leader.	Some of Harold's best fighters died at the Battle of Stamford Bridge	William was skilful, ambitious and determined to be King of England
The Battle began before Harold's troops were properly ready.	The wind changed and allowed William's troops to cross the channel at a time when Harold's troops were away in the north.	In the middle of the battle, Harold was killed. The English were weak without their leader.	The Battle of Stamford Bridge and the journey south made Harold's troops very tired.

