

Enrichment – Norman England c1066-1100

Books

**Harold: The Last Anglo-Saxon King* by Ian Walker (Sutton, 2004).

This provides a starting point for the Norman England story.

**The Norman Conquest* by Marc Morris (Windmill Books, 2013).

**A Few Well-Positioned Castles: The Norman Art of War* by Stuart Prior (Tempus, 2006)

**The Shield Ring*, a novel by Rosemary Sutcliff (Puffin, 1992), is about a Saxon boy and girl living in the last holdout against the Normans after the Conquest.

Film and TV

**1066: The Battle for Middle Earth* narrated by Ian Holm (Hardy Pictures, 2009).

This mini TV series provides an insight into the battles between the claimants to the English throne.

*Episode 2 of Professor Bartlett's series *The Normans* (BBC, 2010).

**In Search of William the Conqueror* (BBC, 1981) narrated by Michael Wood.

This gives a good description of this period.

Web links

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3

<https://schoolhistory.co.uk>

www.bbc.co.uk/history (Class Clips)

<http://spartacus-educational.com>

www.battlefieldstrust.com/resource-centre

www.historic-uk.com (all about castles and cathedrals)

Historic sites

Find out more about the Normans by visiting one or more of the many buildings, monasteries, cathedrals, battlefields etc. that still exist.

***www.historic-uk.com/HistoryMagazine/DestinationsUK/CastlesinEngland**

(look for your local castle on here. It provides a summary of the origin of each castle and its development under the Normans)

Interesting Norman sites to visit include:

*Rochester Castle

*Tamworth Castle

*Knaresborough Castle

*Newcastle Castle

*Pevensey Castle

*Lincoln Cathedral

*Canterbury Cathedral

*Gloucester Cathedral

*Battle Abbey

*Castle Acre Priory

*Westminster Abbey

*Wenlock Priory

*Reading Museum has a full size Victorian replica of the Bayeux Tapestry