

## Enrichment – Norman England c1066-1100

### General resource – podcasts:

Revisionist History New takes on a wide range of historical events, people and ideas along with unusual and undiscovered stories. Episodes cover everything from civil rights to our relationship with technology. References and extras can also be found on the website. [revisionisthistory.com](http://revisionisthistory.com)

### 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](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3)

<https://schoolhistory.co.uk>

[www.bbc.co.uk/history](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history) (Class Clips)

<http://spartacus-educational.com>

[www.battlefieldstrust.com/resource-centre](http://www.battlefieldstrust.com/resource-centre)

[www.historic-uk.com](http://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](http://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