OBHS Core Questions:



Year and Term: Year 7 Autumn 1

Subject: History

	Question	Answer
1.	What is a decade?	A decade is 10 years.
2.	What is a century?	A century is 100 years.
3.	What does BC mean?	BC means 'Before Christ' or 'Before the
		Common Era.'
4.	What does AD mean?	AD means 'Anno Domini,' or 'in the year of
		our Lord.' It can also be called the Common
		Era (CE).
5.	What is chronology?	Chronology is the study of time and dates.
6.	What is a historical source?	It's something from the past, like a picture or
		letter, that helps us learn about history.
7.	Who was Edward the Confessor?	He was the King of England who died in 1066
		with no heir.
8.	Why did William of Normandy think he should be	He said Edward promised him the throne.
	king?	
9.	Who was Harald Hardrada?	He was the King of Norway and a powerful
		warrior.
10.	Why did Harald Hardrada think he should be king?	Vikings had ruled England before, and he
		wanted to rule too.
11.	Who supported Harald Hardrada?	Tostig, the brother of Harold Godwinson.
12.	Why did Harold Godwinson think he should be king?	Edward may have promised it to him, and the
		Witan chose him.
13.	What happened on September 25th?	Harold Godwinson defeated Hardrada at the
		Battle of Stamford Bridge.
14.	When did William land in England?	He landed at Pevensey Beach at the end of
		September.
15.	When was the Battle of Hastings?	It was on October 14, 1066.
16.	What were Harold's soldiers called?	Housecarls and fyrd.
17.	What was the Saxons' favourite weapon?	The battle-axe.
18.	What special troops did the Normans have?	Cavalry (knights on horses) and archers.
19.	What clever trick did William use in battle?	He pretended to run away to make the
		English soldiers break their shield wall.
20.	Why was Harold's army tired?	They had just fought in the north and
		marched a long way south.

Topic: Norman Invasion

Learn these questions to build a strong foundation of knowledge for this half-term. Ask family or friends to test you regularly, or practise on your own using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write' method.