

## OBHS Core Questions:

Subject: History

Year and Term: Year 7 Autumn 2

Topic: Norman Conquest



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.

	Question	Answer
1.	Who became king after the Battle of Hastings?	William the Conqueror.
2.	What system did William use to control land in England?	The feudal system.
3.	Who gave land to the barons?	The king.
4.	What did the barons give the king in return?	Loyalty and knights to fight for him.
5.	Who worked the land for the knights?	Villeins.
6.	How did villeins pay for the land?	With work and food.
7.	About how many villeins were there?	1.5 million.
8.	What was the Domesday Book?	A big survey of every village in England.
9.	When was the Domesday Book made?	Between 1085 and 1086.
10.	Why did William make the Domesday Book?	To know who owned what and how much tax to collect.
11.	What did the officials ask about in each village?	Things like horses, fishponds, and land.
12.	Why did soldiers go with the officials?	To make sure people told the truth.
13.	How many books were made from the Domesday survey?	Two big books.
14.	What was one way William showed power in towns?	By building castles.
15.	What were the first castles called?	Motte and bailey castles.
16.	How long did it take to build one of these castles?	7 to 14 days.
17.	What were castles later built from?	Stone.
18.	Why were stone castles better than wooden ones?	They didn't burn or rot easily.
19.	What is a moat?	A deep ditch around a castle to keep enemies out.
20.	Name a weapon used to attack castles.	Battering ram, siege tower, trebuchet, or mangonel.