

THE TWO BATTLES

THE BATTLE OF STAMFORD BRIDGE

1. What was Harold Hardrada's claim to the throne?
2. Draw your own map and show where he landed:
3. When did King Harold Godwinson arrive?
4. What happened to Harold Hardrada?
5. Find an example of how badly the Vikings were defeated.
6. While the battle was fought, what happened in the south of England?



THE BATTLE OF HASTINGS

1. How far did King Harold march to reach Hastings?
2. When did the Normans begin to form a battle line?
3. Find and sketch an example of a warrior from each side.
4. Why was King Harold in a good position at the top of Senlac Hill?
5. Why might we think King Harold's forces were tired?
6. What was King Harold plan?
7. What was Duke William's plan?
8. At 9.30am what happened to begin the battle?
9. Copy and complete this sentence:
"The _____ was strong. The Normans suffered heavy _____ fighting
_____. There was fierce _____ on both _____."
10. At midday, how did Saxons react when Normans began retreating?
11. Why did William order some of his forces to pretend to retreat?
12. What major Saxon defence did William's tactics destroy?
13. How was Harold Godwinson killed?
14. Around what time did the battle end?

