

The Claims to the Throne

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1. What was so remarkable about 1066? _____

2. When Edward the Confessor died, what was the problem?

3. What does 'claimant' mean? _____

4. In 1066, who were the three main claimants to the throne? _____

5. Click on each of the three claimants. Write a sentence about each claim to the throne next to each claimant:

William



Harold



Harold



6. Find out the names of two other claimants to the throne.

7. a) Who was declared King? _____
b) He was a 'brave and respected' leader - what was the problem with him becoming King? _____

8. Why were the other claimants furious? [Clue: make sure you have the word 'rightful' in your answer]. _____

9. Try and decide who you think should have become King. Write a paragraph explaining your choice. Use the paragraph starter to help you.

I think _____ had the best claim. This is because _____

Take a tip from Harold:



"If you get stuck, and can't find an answer, just look on the next page ... "