

The Norman Conquest

Problems and Solutions Cards

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Match up the Problems Cards to the correct Solutions Cards and stick them in the table below to show the decisions William made.

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Which do you think was William's most important problem? Explain your reasons to a partner.



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Compare your choice of most and least important problems with a partner's choices. Are they the same or different? Discuss your reasons.



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Do you agree with each of William's solutions? What decisions would you have made? Why? Discuss your answers with a partner and your group.



Godric



Godric is a peasant living in the North of England. His house, farmland and the village he lives in has been destroyed by William's men.

Bryce



Bryce is a landowner living near London. He has been allowed to keep his land as long as he pays taxes and shows loyalty to William as the king.

Aldin



Aldin is an English soldier who fought alongside King Harold at the Battle of Hastings and was lucky enough to survive.

Geoffrey



Geoffrey is a Norman soldier who proudly fought alongside William in the Battle of Hastings.

Edgar



Edgar Atheling is a 15-year-old royal prince who is the great nephew of Edward the Confessor.

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Read the Character Information Cards and think about how each of these people must have been feeling after the recent events. Write a short sentence from their point of view, explaining how they are feeling and why.



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