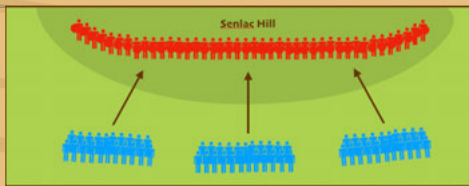


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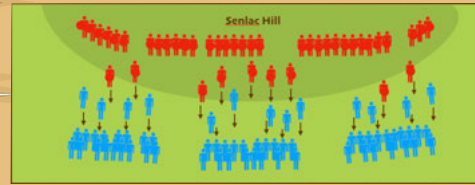


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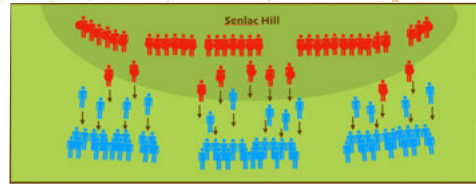


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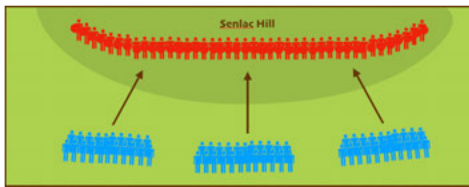


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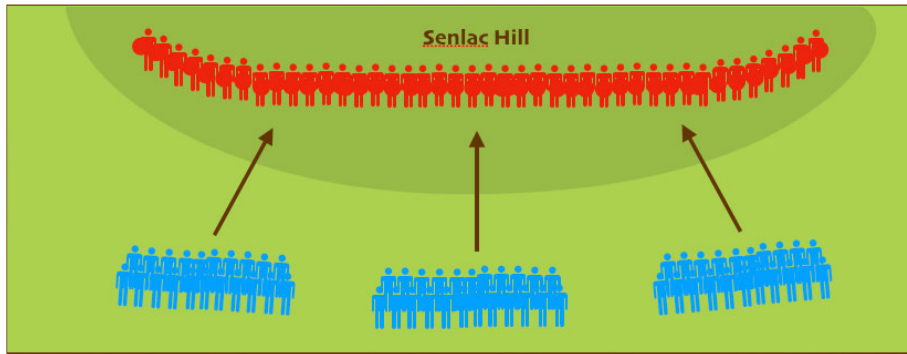


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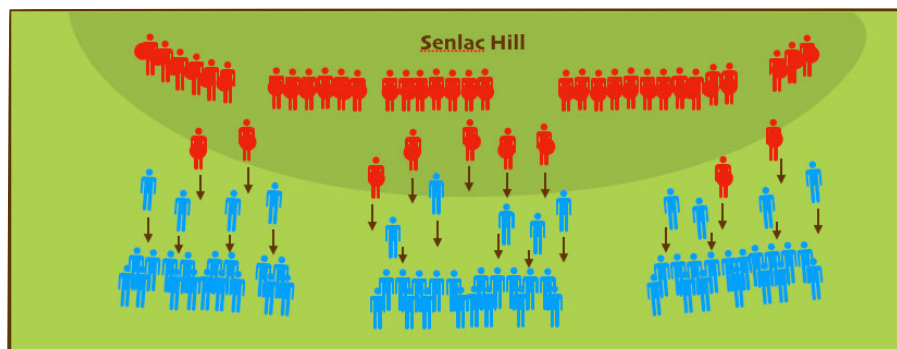




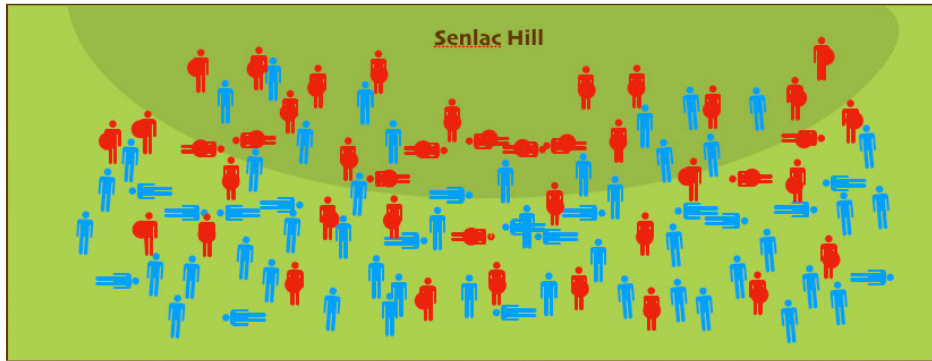
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In groups of three, take it in turns to be either King Harold II, Harald Hardrada, or William, Duke of Normandy. Answer the questions for each man in character, giving as much detail as you can. Use the Feelings Bank to help you.

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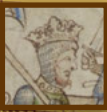
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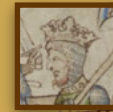
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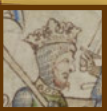
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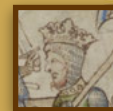
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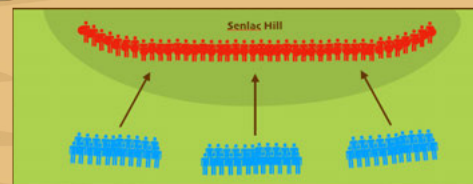
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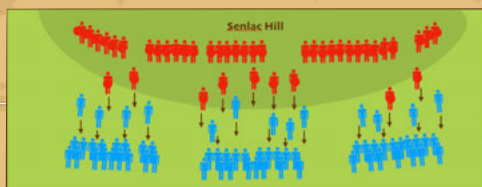


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