

The Bayeux Tapestry



Image A

Edward the Confessor, King of England, is speaking to Harold Godwinson in the first scene of the tapestry.



Image B

William of Normandy is seated, while Harold Godwinson swears an oath to protect William's claim to the throne, while in France in 1064.



Image C

King Edward is being carried to Westminster Abbey to be buried. The king died on 5th January 1066, and his funeral was held the day after.



Image D

Harold Godwinson is crowned King of England by Archbishop Stigand. He was crowned king on 6th January, the same day as King Edward's funeral.



Image E

One of Harold's men tells him about Halley's Comet, which has been sighted. At the time, the comet was believed to be a bad omen.



Image F

Ships carrying Norman soldiers and horses are heading for England, ready to invade. They landed at Pevensey on 28th September 1066.

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Image G

The Norman's arrive in England. William of Normandy's half-brother, Bishop Odo, blesses the food and drink at a Norman banquet.



Image H

William is talking with his half-brothers, Bishop Odo and Count Robert of Mortain, before fighting in the Battle of Hastings.



Image I

The Norman soldiers attack during the Battle of Hastings. The battle began on 14th October 1066 and is thought to have lasted six hours.



Image J

The English soldiers use shields to protect themselves, while the Normans, who are mounted on horses, attack.



Image K

During the battle, William lifts his helmet so his men can see he is still alive.



Image L

Harold dies in battle. He is either the figure pulling an arrow from his eye or the figure being attacked by a sword and falling to the ground. It has been suggested Harold is both of these figures.