

Questions: William the Conqueror and The Norman Conquest (1066)

1. When did the Norman Conquest begin? What happened in Hastings?
2. Why was the variety of French spoken by the Normans called 'Norman French' by historians?
3. After the Norman Conquest which language became the official language of government? In what language was the work of the English parliament conducted?
4. How was English considered during the Norman Conquest?
5. How was the English society divided? Explain and use your own words (50 words maximum).
6. Why do the words for meat differ from the words for the corresponding animal? How can you explain these dual English/French variations (for example: *cow* and *beef*)?

