

Knowledge Checklist (PLC): Anglo Saxon and Norman England, 1060-1086

Can you answer these questions?	Yes, completely and without looking in my book	I'm not 100% sure- I need to revise!
1. How was Anglo Saxon society was structured?		
2. What were the powers of Anglo Saxon earls? What were their limitations?		
3. What were the strengths and weaknesses of an Anglo Saxon king?		
4. How was Anglo- Saxon local government organised (including the burghs, shire reeves and the fyrd)?		
5. Can you describe the Anglo- Saxon legal system (including wergild, collective responsibility, blood feuds)?		
6. Can you describe the Anglo Saxon economy (differences between towns and villages)?		
7. What was the role of the Church in Anglo Saxon society?		
8. The House of Godwin- Who were they? What were their successes and failures?		
9. Harold Godwinson's embassy to Normandy. What happened? Why was it important?		
10. The rising against Earl Tostig, What happened? Why?		
11. What were the events of the death of Edward the Confessor?		
12. The three claimants to the throne- who were they? What were their strengths and weaknesses?		
13. What were the events of the battles of Gate Fulford and Stamford Bridge (causes, events and outcomes of each battle)?		
14. What happened during the Battle of Hastings?		
15. What were the strengths and weaknesses of William's knights and Harold's housecarls at the Battle of Hastings?		
16. Why did William win? (including tactics, leadership and religion)		
17. What steps did William take to make sure he was in full control of England after winning the battle of Hastings?		
18. What were the causes, events and consequences of the rebellions against William: the rebellion of Edwin and Morcar (1068), Edgar Aethling's rebellion (1069), the rebellion of Hereward the Wake, 1070 and the Revolt of the Earls (1075)?		
19. What happened during the Harrying of the North?		
20. Describe the feudal system: how did it work? How did help William to rule England?		
21. Why and how did Lanfranc change the Church in England?		
22. How much did the lives of people living in towns and villages change after the Norman conquest?		
23. Describe the Norman legal system, including three examples of Norman laws and punishments.		
24. How was Norman England governed (the role of the king, earls, regents and sheriffs)?		
25. What was the Domesday Book and what did it show?		
26. What were the lives of the Norman aristocracy like?		
27. Why was Odo, Bishop of Bayeaux important?		
28. Why did William's son, Robert of Normandy revolt against William in 1077? What was the outcome?		
29. How did William Rufus become king of England upon William's death in 1088?		