

# LIFE UNDER NORMANS



Are order and control necessary?

## Key terms

Conqueror, domesday, feudalism, motte and bailey, castles, doom painting, monk, nun, habit, monastery, crusade, holy land  
Own key terms to add:

## Key dates/people

William becomes king in England - 1066  
Domesday book - 1086  
William the Conqueror  
Bishop Odo  
Commissioners  
Knights  
Villeins  
First crusade - 1095

## Williams changes to England

- William made three key changes in England to help control the country as a new king, castles, Feudalism and the Domesday book.
- Castles gave his soldiers safety and stopped rebellions, feudalism gave people protection and land while the Domesday book gave him more information about his new lands.
- William was not the most popular king so needed to use these methods to help strengthen his position in England.

*Which of Williams changes was most significant?*

## The Church

- The Church was very important during medieval times helping people from birth to death with lots of different things,
- People would rely on the Church for support when sick as well as education.
- Some people would take special oaths and devote their lives to the Church, these were monks and nuns.
- The Church would use images and paintings called doom paintings to try and make sure people lived good Christian lives.

*Was the Church a good thing for the people of England?*

## What was similar and different about life in medieval England compared to today?

### Medieval towns

- Medieval towns were much smaller than modern day towns and it was common for people not often leave where they lived.
- Often people would be known by the role they had within the town such as Smith for the blacksmith or Ditchers for the diggers.
  - Medieval towns were quite safe as the punishments were harsh for a number of crimes.
- Governments often left people to deal with their own problems in towns leading them to be very dirty and smelly.

*How were people in towns punished?  
Why were towns such dirty places to live?*

### Crusades

- Crusades were quests to the holy land in search of riches and also to conquer the land for the Church.
- Many warriors would travel from christian countries in search of riches or glory for god.
- Ideas from the islamic world were brought back from the crusades including ideas about medicine and science.
- Ideas concerning mathematics and philosophy also changed the way the western world approached education.

*What was the most significant idea brought back from the crusades?  
Why do you think that?*

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