

The Normans



AD 1070

The first Norman stone castle in Wales. The Normans advanced into Wales quickly to use castles to suppress the surrounding countryside. Work also begins on building Canterbury Cathedral.

AD 1066

The last Anglo-Saxon king, King Harold II, is defeated by William the Conqueror at The Battle of Hastings and Norman Britain begins. William is crowned the king of England.

AD 1068

William the Conqueror orders that Warwick Castle should be built.

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AD 1078

William I wants to build castles and towers to protect London. Therefore, work begins on building the Tower of London.

AD 1087

On 9th September, 1087, William I dies in a battle in Rouen, Normandy in France. William II, is crowned the king of England on his death.

AD 1077

The Bayeux Tapestry, depicting the Battle of Hastings, is completed. In time, it became the most important pictorial evidence document of the 11th Century.

AD 1085

William I orders a survey of the owners of every piece of land in England. He sends his men around the country to record who owned what land. This includes animals, buildings and farming equipment. The information compiled in The Domesday Book.

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AD 1135

Henry I dies. After his death, he had wanted his daughter, Matilda, to become Queen of England. However, many barons in England reject this idea. Instead, they want Henry's nephew, Stephen, to become king. He is crowned the king of England on 22nd December.

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AD 1100

After several battles, William II's reign looks secure. However, he is killed by a stray arrow while hunting in the New Forest. His brother, Henry, is crowned the king of England.

AD 1154

King Stephen, the last Norman King of England, dies. Due to The Treaty of Wallingham, which King Stephen was forced to sign a year earlier, the throne passes to Matilda's son, Henry of Anjou. He becomes King Henry II.

