

## The Battle of Hastings – Oral Teacher Questions

Who did the Saxon Lords make king after Edward died? (AF2) **Harold Godwinson.**

How did William feel about this? (AF2) **Furious**

Who sent more knights to help William invade England? (AF2) **The Pope.**

Which English town did William's army land in? (AF2) **Hastings**

Where did the English army line up and wait for William and his army? (AF2) **Senlac Hill.**

Which part of his body was Harold hit by an arrow? (AF2) **His eye.**

Which army was the strongest and more likely to win? (AF3) **William's army.**

In what three ways was William's army the strongest? (AF3) **They had horses, knights and archers.**

Why did William believe that he should be king? (AF3) **Edward had promised him the throne, he was related.**

How do you think the Saxon soldiers felt when they saw the archers and knights? (AF3) **Scared/terrified**

Why has the author included a who's who at the beginning? (AF4) **To help you understand who the main characters were.**

'William's army charged again and again.' Why has the author used repetition here? (AF4) **To highlight/illustrate the fact that the knights charged over and over again.**

'The battle raged.' What does this make you imagine about the battle? (AF5) **It was angry/furious/mad/crazed.**

Who is the hero in this historical event? Why? (AF7) **Various answers – William mainly.**

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