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Apologies for wasting your paper – but some explanation is needed for this resource.

- This is a set of cards for students to order on the Battle of Hastings. It can be used to help them explain the events and to be able to evaluate the causes of William's victory.
- The idea of this task is that the cards are photocopied and issued to students as a complete set.
- The numbers on the bottom are random, and allow the teacher to go through the order with the class after the task using the numbers to ease the process.

Edward the
Confessor dies.
#6

Harald Hardrada
and William of
Normandy
prepare soldiers
and ships to
invade England.
#13

Harold
Godwinson is
crowned King of
England.
#22

King Harold
spends the
summer on the
Isle of Wight
waiting for
William to
invade.
#7

Harald Hardrada
lands in the
north of England
with 500 ships
and 10 000 men.

#19

King Harold and
his army march
abandon their
watch for William
and march to
fight Harald
Hardrada.

#24

King Harold
defeats Harald
Hardrada at the
Battle of
Stamford Bridge.

#8

William of
Normandy lands
in the south of
England three
days later.

#2

King Harold and
his army march
south to meet
William, walking
50 miles a day!

#15

King Harold
arrives at
Hastings with
7000 exhausted
men.

#20

Harold organises
his soldiers into
a group with a
shield wall on
Senlac Hill near
Hastings.

#10

The Normans
attack the
English by
charging up the
hill.

18

The English beat
off the Norman
attacks with their
axes and spears
and the
protection of
their shield wall.
#23

The Norman
soldiers hear
that William is
dead and some
start to run
away.
#3

William lifts up
his helmet and
says “Look at me
well! I am alive. I
shall win! Why do
you run away?”
#9

William orders his
foot soldiers to
pretend to run
away to make the
English come
down from the
hill.
#11

The English
soldiers break
their shield wall
and charge after
the Norman
soldiers as they
run away.

#16

The Normans
turned around
and charged the
English, killing
hundreds.

#17

The Normans
slowly fought
their way to the
top of the hill and
broke through the
remains of the
shield wall.

#21

King Harold was
killed by an
arrow in his eye
and a sword
from a Norman
soldier.

#4

The last few
English soldiers
now flee from
the battlefield
when they hear
Harold is dead.

#5

The Normans
chase the
soldiers and kill
any who they
catch.

#14

William has won
the Battle of
Hastings.

#12

William marches
to London and is
crowned King of
England.

#1