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| **1066** | Medieval Tapestry Lesson Plan: The Bayeux Tapestry | William and his half-brothers Odo Bishop of Bayeux and Robert of Mortain in the Bayeux Tapestry. By special permission of the City of Bayeux. Detail of the Bayeux Tapestry, 11th century |
| **May** | Harold guards south coast against attack by exiled brother Tostig. | William prepares his invasion fleet. |
| **Aug** |  | William’s invasion fleet ready to set sail. |
| **Sept 8** | Supplies run out for Harold’s army. Harold sends army home for a while. | William waiting for a favourable wind to carry his fleet to England. |
| **Sept 18-20** | Harald Hardrada lands on Yorkshire coast with over 500 ships. Harold gathers his army and marches north to fight Hardrada. |  |
| **Sept 25** | Harold defeats Hardrada at Stamford Bridge. |  |
| **Sept 27-29** |  | William’s fleet set sail after a change in the wind direction. The fleet lands at Pevensey, occupy Hastings and prepares for battle. |
| **Oct 2** | Harold marches south again – covering 50 miles a day. But leaves his archers in the north. |  |
| **Oct 6** | Harold arrives in London and gathers together a new army, mostly footsoldiers. |  |
| **Oct 11-13** | Harold marches almost 60 miles to Hastings. |  |
| **Oct 13** | Harold reaches Hastings with 7000 exhausted men. |  |
| **Oct 14** | **The battle of Hastings** | |

# Harold vs William – Who will win?

**The run up to the battle**