Card sort on Hastings

*Please arrange the cards in three piles*

*A: The Normans were well prepared*

*B: Harold’s bad luck*

*C: Facts about William*

*Which was the most important reason why William won?*

William was a good commander of his troops

Some of Harold’s best fighters died at the Battle of Stamford Bridge.

William was a determined and ambitious man. He wanted to be King of England as well as Duke of Normandy.

Harold was unlucky: The wind changed and allowed William’s troops to cross the Channel at a time when Harold’s troops were away in the North dealing with the Norwegians.

The Normans had soldiers on horseback

The Normans had a very useful mixture of foot-soldiers, archers and cavalry. These were carefully arranged. They each played an important part in the victory.

The battle began before Harold’s troops were properly ready

Harold was killed in battle. This meant that the English had lost their leader. The housecarls fought on but many lost heart.

The Normans clever trick of pretending to retreat caused the English to leave their strong position on the hill.