

# William's Problem Page

By Ms Surawy

[www.SchoolHistory.co.uk](http://www.SchoolHistory.co.uk)

**In the Year of Our lord 1067**

**Dear Adviser,**

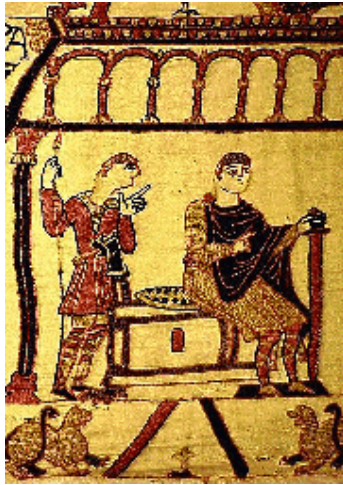
What am I to do? I cannot seem to get through to the Saxons that I am in charge, especially those in the North. They are really giving the Normans and me a difficult time. They are trying to attack my men and even kill them. How can I get rid of this threat?

**William**

**Dear Adviser,**

William needs money to pay for castle building and to pay wages to all the soldiers he needs. He wants me to arrange for the Saxons to be taxed but I do not know how much money all these English people have. If I did then it would be easier to tax them. Please help?

**William's  
Treasurer**

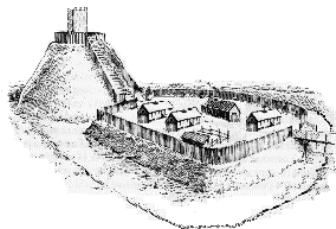


**Dear Adviser,**

I need the support and loyalty of the important nobles in the country. I also need to be able to call on strong soldiers to put down all these threats to my rule.

Suggestions please.

**William**



**Shield**



**Sword**

**Dear Adviser,**

We are a group of Normans who want to control the important parts of England especially the towns, on William's behalf. However we are fearful of Saxon attacks and threats to our new jobs. Please advise us of what to do?

**Important Nobles**



**William's seal**

## **Possible Solutions for William**

**1. The Normans built castles in important places all over the country. They quickly built wooden motte and bailey castles first. Later these were replaced with stone castles.**

**2. William introduced the Feudal system. He rented out land to rich nobles and in return they promised to be loyal to him and give soldiers if needed.**

**3. William sent his servants around the countryside to ask every one in England how much land, housing and animals they had. All the answers were written down in the Domesday book.**

**4. William used terror against the North. His soldiers burnt fields of crops so people starved. Many village people were murdered.**