

## Why did William win the Battle of Hastings?

### The level descriptors in History

#### **Grade 2:**

- You show knowledge and understanding of some of the main events (i.e. you use facts in your answer).
- You describe the events
- You begin to give a few reasons for why William won.

#### **Grade 3:**

- You identify some reasons and you use facts in your answer.
- You begin to use information as evidence to explain different reasons.
- You begin to produce structured work, making appropriate use of dates and terms.

#### **Grade 4:**

- You carefully select and use historical information and make appropriate use of historical terms – i.e. you link your facts to the question and **explain**
- You structure your work carefully by organising it into **categories**.
- You rank your categories (i.e. **say which is the most important**) and simply explain your ranking.

#### **Grade 5:**

- You carefully select, organise, and use relevant historical facts and terms to produce structured work.
- You make **links** between causes and clearly explain these links
- You prioritise reasons (i.e. **say which is the most important**) and **clearly explain**.

#### **Grade 6:**

- You carefully select, organise and use relevant historical facts and terms to produce well-structured work
- You make **links** between causes and clearly explain these links in detail
- You use your greater knowledge of both 'The Big Picture' and the in-depth detail to develop your explanations (rank and links) of causes and consequences of events.
- You prioritise reasons (i.e. **say which is the most important**) and **clearly and fully substantiate your judgement**

<b>Essay Question</b>	Not structured as an essay with introduction, supporting paragraphs and conclusion	Structured well with introduction, supporting paragraphs and conclusion
	Spelling and punctuation needs improvement	Spelling and punctuation good
	Has covered a limited number of factors	Has covered a range of factors
<b>Needs more HISTORY – i.e. supporting facts</b>	Mixed range of HISTORY – i.e. some good supporting facts but needs improvement	Has a good range of HISTORY – i.e. supporting facts
	Needs more links to the question	Good links to the question
	Needs clearer judgement i.e. opinion	Clear judgement – i.e. opinion

Your extended answer **could** be set out in the following way:

**Introduction** Outline what factors you will include. Briefly (1-2 sentences) explain which of these factors is most important and why.

**YOU THEN NEED TO INCLUDE A PEEL PARAGRAPH ON EACH OF THE FACTORS**

**Factor 1** - You could explain how William won because of his skill and preparation (William's strengths)

**Factor 2** - You could explain how William won because he was lucky

**Factor 3** - You could explain how William won because of Harold's weaknesses

**Factor 4** - You could explain any other factors that you think are important

**Conclusion** - Here you could explain what was/were the main reason/reasons for William's victory in your opinion

**Grade:**

**Teacher comment:**