

# Changing Times

## The Normans Worksheet

Find the answer to these questions using the *Changing Times* web information on the Normans.

### Homes

- The barons were given land by William the Conqueror. What did they have

to do in return? \_\_\_\_\_

- Why did the barons build stone keeps to live in? \_\_\_\_\_

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- List the features built for defence. For example:- entrance at first floor level, wooden steps ..... \_\_\_\_\_

### Events

- How did William win the Battle of Hastings? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Why did William want the Domesday Book written? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Transport

- What sort of horses did the Normans bring with them? \_\_\_\_\_
- What were the roads like? \_\_\_\_\_
- How were things carried about the country? \_\_\_\_\_
- What sort of boats did the Normans have? \_\_\_\_\_

## Farming (Agriculture)

- Give one reason for the Normans farming large fields divided into strips. \_\_\_\_\_

## Clothes

- How were the clothes made? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where did the fashion for veils for ladies come from? \_\_\_\_\_

## Women

- Where were women expected to be most of the time? \_\_\_\_\_

## Industry

- Who made all the iron goods in a Norman village? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where were the furnace sites which smelted iron ore to provide the blacksmith with iron bars to work? \_\_\_\_\_

## Inventions

- What powered the new type of mill brought by the Normans? \_\_\_\_\_

## Religion

- What was the main religion in Europe? \_\_\_\_\_
- What sort of churches and cathedrals did the Normans build?  
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- In what language were services read? \_\_\_\_\_

## The not so rich - peasants

- Why were their cottages not very strong? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Animals

- Which animal was brought to England by the Normans? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was the sport of kings? \_\_\_\_\_

## Medicine

- Whose medical ideas were still being followed in Norman times? \_\_\_\_\_
- What sort of cures did people mostly use? \_\_\_\_\_

## Warfare

- What type of weapon did the Normans use? \_\_\_\_\_
- What were the horses called they rode in battle"? \_\_\_\_\_

## Time

- How did people work out what time of day it was? \_\_\_\_\_
- Of what use were sand timers? \_\_\_\_\_



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### Further Activities

- Write a story of life in a Norman village using the pictures and information in *Changing Times* to help you.
- The Norman pictures in *Changing Times* were drawn by an archaeological artist. How are they useful to a study of the Normans?