

ENGLISH HISTORY/LITERATURE
Assignment Sheet – 1st Quarter, Week 1

Lesson Given: Sept. 11, 2008

Lesson Due: Sept. 18, 2008

The Story of Britain: pg 78-107; begin w/ Cnut's death

Literature: Choice of novels from Section 1; read first ¼ of book

Discussion Questions: (be ready to discuss these in class)

- 1) By what right did William claim the English throne? Did Edward the Confessor have the right to promise the succession where he chose?
- 2) Who do you think should have been given the throne when Edward died?
- 3) What are your thoughts on Harold?
- 4) What did William do initially to try to gain the acceptance of the English? Why did these attempts fail? Was it really possible for a Norman king to be accepted by the English he conquered? What would he have had to do?

Writing assignment: Imagine you could have been at the Battle of Hastings. Choose a side and write a 2-page descriptive story telling about the battle. What might it have looked like? What battle techniques, weapons, and strategies might each side have used? What would you have felt and done?

Weekly assignment schedule:

- Day one: Read assigned pages in history text; choose and begin reading novel
- Day two: Finish history readings for the week; think about discussion questions; outline main points for your story; continue novel
- Day three: Write rough draft of your story; continue novel
- Day four: Write final draft of your story; finish chapters in novel; review discussion questions

Dear Parent,

Please sign and date this section of the assignment sheet, which needs to be returned to class on Thursday. **This paper is important in that it verifies that your student is doing the reading, which is essential to success in this class.**

I, verify that my student _____ (name) has completed all the assigned readings for the week.

_____ (signature)

_____ (date)