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How useful is the Bayeux Tapestry to tell us about the events of 1066?

Bayeux: Place in Normandy where the famous tapestry was designed

Provenance: Part of a source that tells us who made it, when it was made and why it was made

Source: Something that provides us information about an event / topic, it can be from the time or after





The Bayeux Tapestry was probably made for William's half brother, Odo, the Bishop of Bayeux. It is about 75 yards long and 20 inches high. Some say it was stitched in Kent, England in 1076, others say it was made in Bayeux, Normandy.

Either way it provides us with a very detailed interpretation of the events of 1066. Whether it is a Norman interpretation, or an English is up to you to decide...

QUESTIONS: I'd like to know (5 W's)...

Annotate this section of the Bayeux Tapestry on your Evidence Frame, writing as much detail as you can within each frame.
Remember last lesson's skills to help...

INFERENCES: I can work out that...

INFORMATION: What does it tell me?



Share your ideas with your partner, particularly focusing on this question:

What does this picture tell you about the Battle of Hastings?



QUESTIONS: I'd like to know...

Which frame do you think the following should go into?

Who are the dead people? Are they Norman or English?

INFERENCES: I can work out that...

Did you get any of these already?

The soldiers were were trained

What is this flag for?

INFORMATION: What does it tell me?



Soldiers wore helmets and a kind of armour

They had shields and fought with spears and axes

Did both sides have cavalry?

The soldiers were were trained

A lot of people were killed or wounded

This scene is quite late in the battle because there are so many dead

Some soldiers fought on horseback

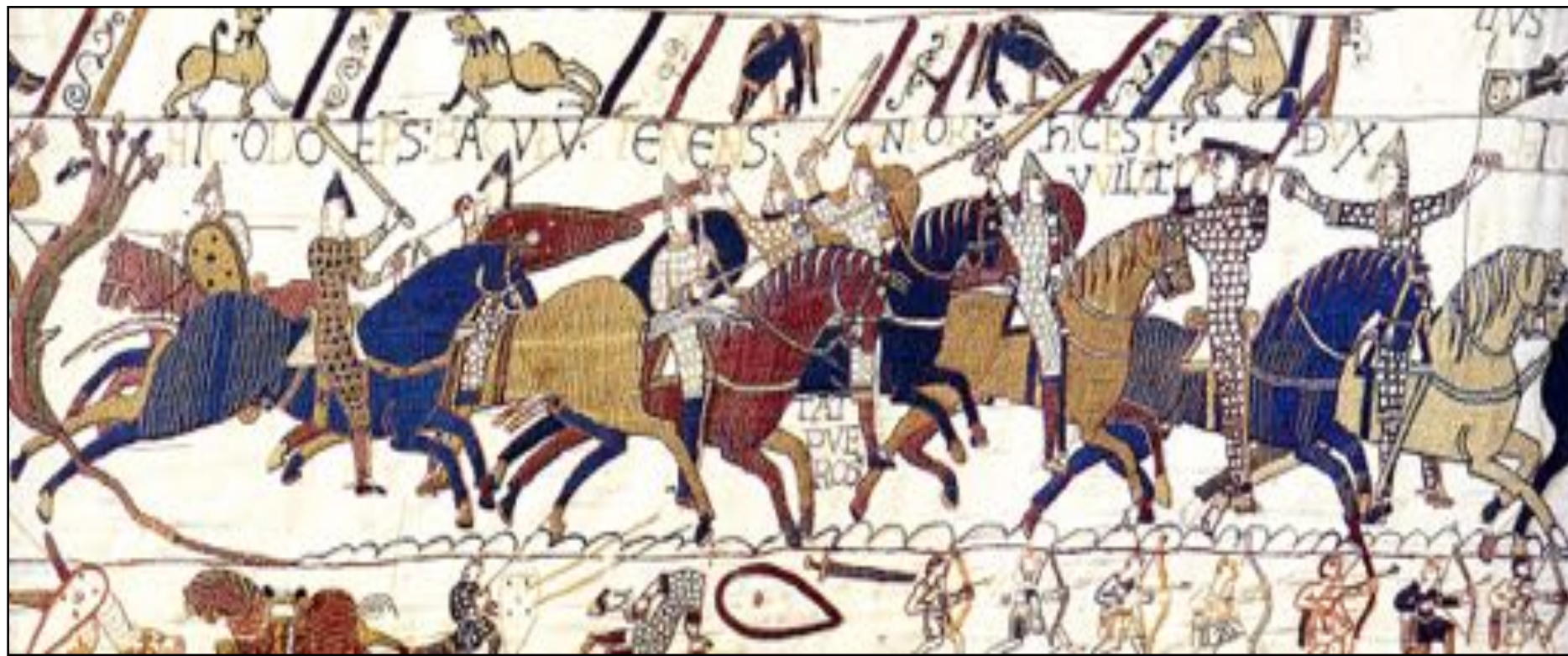
What other weapons did they use?



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Match up the captions to your images, when you're happy with your matching, stick them in your books:

Norman soldiers set fire to a house that they have captured

Harold is killed, apparently with an arrow in his eye

Harold is crowned king by Archbishop Stigand who had been told to stop carrying out services by the Pope

Harold swears an oath to support Duke William's claim to the English throne

Norman troops panic thinking William is dead. But William bravely rallies his troops and leads them on a charge

A comet is seen in the sky. It frightens people who think it is a sign of an invasion to come

Edward the confessor on his death bed, then his death



Which two pictures most suggest:

a) The tapestry is on the Norman side?

Image number [] suggests the tapestry is on the Norman side, because it shows...

Number [] also suggests the tapestry is on the Norman side as it shows...

b) The tapestry is on the English side?

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So, How useful is the Bayeux Tapestry to a historian learning about 1066? Write a paragraph explaining how it is useful, thinking about its provenance and its content (information).

See if you can explain why it is less useful as well, with clear evidence...