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The Normans lived in France and knew that the English were good at many things. They were excellent at making cloth and trading but not so good at fighting. In AD 1066, a large Norman Army led by William, Duke of Normandy, sailed to England to take over the country. The Normans fought on horse back while the English fought on foot and the Normans soon defeated the English army.

William became King of England as was known as William the Conqueror. William made some skilled needle workers make a set of pictures in brightly coloured threads. The pictures were all sewn together to make The Bayeux Tapestry.

The tapestry tells us the Normans reasons for conquering England and about The Battle of Hastings.

The tapestry starts with a picture of Edward the Confessor who was king of England from AD 1042 to 1066. Edward is sending a man called Harold on a friendly visit to Normandy. Other pictures tell us he got on well with Duke William. And even made him promises.

Then the tapestry shows Edward of England dying and Harold becoming King. Duke William believed that Harold had promised him be the next King of England. The pictures show that he gathered his armies together. The tapestry ends with the Battle itself and Williams victory over Harold.

The tapestry was taken to Bayeux Cathedral in France where it still is today.



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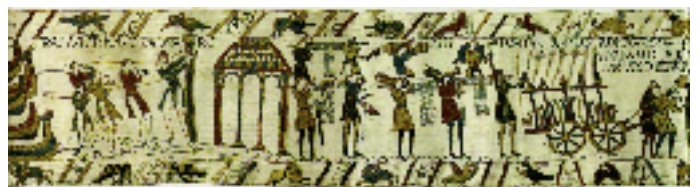
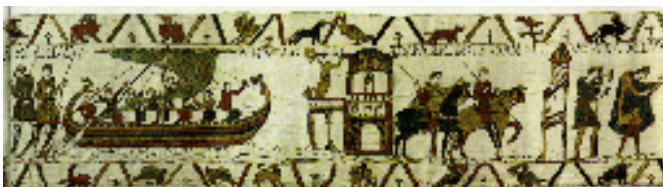
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