



Norman England: Who's Who?



Edward the Confessor	King of England from 1042-1066. Died with no heir causing a succession crisis on 5 Jan 1066.	A-S
Edgar the Aethling	The great nephew of Edward the Confessor. Closest male relative to Edward.	A-S
Harald Hardrada	King of Norway. Powerful Viking leader. Hardrada's uncle had been promised the throne by a previous king.	V
Harold Godwinson	Most important earl in England. Said that he had been promised the throne by Edward. Crowned king on 6 Jan 1066.	A-S
William, Duke of Normandy	Claimed Edward had promised him the throne and Harold had supported this. Invaded in 1066 and won the Battle of Hastings.	N
Tostig	Younger brother of King Harold, sided with Harald Hardrada at The Battles of Fulford Gate and Stamford Bridge.	A-S
Earl Edwin/Earl Morcar	King Harold's brothers in law. Anglo-Saxon earls. Fought against the Vikings at Fulford and Stamford. Rebelled against King William	A-S
Bishop Odo	Half brother of King William. Very loyal to William and granted land and titles after Hastings. Later rebelled against William's son.	N
Archbishop Stigand	Archbishop of Canterbury. Considered corrupt and did not crown William king in 1066. Was removed from his position in 1070.	A-S
Edric the Wild	An Anglo-Saxon landowner of the Welsh borders who led English/Saxon resistance to the Norman conquest, active 1068-1070.	A-S
Eustace Count of Boulogne	King William's brother in law. Fought with the Normans at Hastings. Later rebelled against William at Dover but made peace.	N
Ralph de Gael	Leader of a group of Norman earls who rebelled against King William in 1075. Was encouraged to rebel by King Philip of France.	N
King Malcolm of Scotland	Joined forces with Edwin, Morcar and Edgar to organise rebellions against King William in the North of England.	A-S
Hereward the Wake	Family had lands taken by William. Joined a rebellion with foreign supporters against William. Set up a base on the Isle of Ely.	A-S
Robert of Mortain	King William's half-brother, was given land for helping with the invasion. Helped run Normandy for William.	N
William FitzOsbern	Distant relation of King William. Was his steward in 1066 and fought alongside him at Hastings.	N
King William II	AKA William Rufus. Became King of England after the death of his father William I. Died in mysterious circumstances whilst hunting.	N
Robert Curthose	The eldest son of King William I. Granted Normandy by his father. Was jealous of his brother Henry who became King of England.	N
King Henry I	The youngest son of William I. Was crowned King of England when his brother was killed by an arrow whilst out hunting.	N
Archbishop Lanfranc	An advisor to King William on religious affairs. Obtained the Papal Banner prior to Battle of Hastings. Replaced Archbishop Stigand.	N
Archbishop Anselm	Became Archbishop in 1093 after William did not replace Lanfranc after his death. Made many changes to the church.	N

