*History of Britain* “Conquest!” Viewing Guide

1. Who lay dying, childless, in the early months of 1066? What foreigner does the narrator mention as someone who thought he had the right to succeed the King of England? What Englishman countered that claim with the same thought?

2. On what battlefield was “one kind of England annihilated and another type of England set up in its place?”

3. Who was the last man standing with a solid claim to the English throne after King Canute’s death? What famous English king was the new king descended from? Where did this new king grow up?

4. What event caused Edward the Confessor to turn to the religious life?

5. Why did Edward decide not to have kids? Who did he promise his kingdom to according to Norman historians? Who did most of the Anglo-Saxons think had the right to succession?

6. What does the *Bayeux Tapestry* show? Give an example of how it is a work of Norman propaganda.

7. Explain the miscommunication that occurred between Harold and William over the throne of England. (i.e. why did the Normans think Harold would help William obtain the English throne, yet the Anglo-Saxons thought the throne was sworn to Harold?)

8. Who did William appeal to in an attempt to get an officially blessing to invade England? As a result, what did he officially claim his fight against Harold was?

9. While Harold was waiting on the southern coast of England for William, who invaded the northern part of England? Where was the main battle after their invasion fought?

10. Where did Harold and William do battle on October 14, 1066? What military advantage did Harold have over William?

11. How did Harold die? About what percent of the Anglo-Saxon nobility of England also died at the Battle of Hastings?

12. After winning the battle what did William do to the countryside of England? What did he take away from the Anglo Saxons and give to his nobles, forever altering England’s place in Europe?

13. How did William respond to the first uprising against him after his coronation in York and the northern part of England?

14. According to a Norman monk who came over with William, what happened in the years following 1066? Did he consider this brutal or justified?

15. Name two new things the Normans introduced into England.

16. What was the *Domesday* book?