

# 1940 - the Battle of Britain



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## Why was winning the Battle of Britain in 1940 so important?



Winston Churchill:  
Prime Minister of  
Britain (1940 -  
1945)



Adolf Hitler:  
Chancellor of  
Germany then  
self-anointed  
'Führer' (supreme leader)  
(1933 - 1945)

Adolf Hitler's invasion of Poland in September 1939 drove Great Britain and France to declare war on Germany, marking the beginning of World War II. Over the next six years, the conflict would take more lives and destroy more land and property around the globe than any previous war.

By the end of May 1940, Nazi Germany had occupied almost all of Western Europe and driven the allied armies of Britain and France into the English Channel at Dunkirk.



Europe - May 1940

### Key Vocabulary:

- Invasion
- evacuation
- Air Force
- Radar
- occupied/occupation
- significance
- impact
- tactical
- Nazi Party
- allies / allied

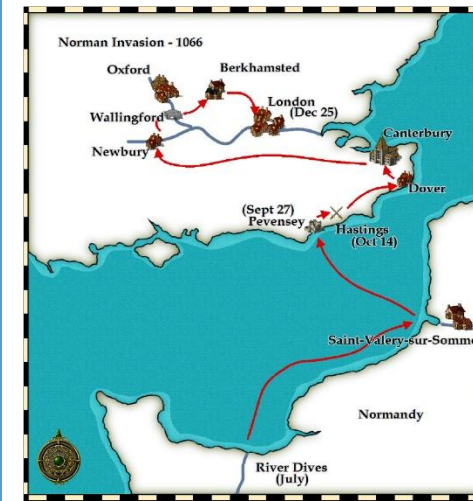
## Did William really 'conquer' England in 1066?



How England was ruled in 1065

In January 1066 **Edward the Confessor**, King of England, died childless. He had promised the throne to two different men, but several people wanted to be king.

### 3 claims to the throne



William of Normandy invaded England, won at the Battle of Hastings and became king of England on Christmas Day, 1066.

### Key Vocabulary:

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| knight      | earl   | feudal           |
| system      | heir   | crusade          |
| coronation  | Norman | chronicles       |
| Anglo Saxon |        | motte and bailey |