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|  | What are the mysteries of the Battle of Hastings? |

# How would you plan the Battle of Hastings?

**A** Relevant factors to consider

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| **Factors to consider** | **Advantage** | **Disadvantage** |
| King Harold knew that the Normans were getting ready to invade.  |  |  |
| His brother Tostig, joining with the King of Norway, invades England to seize the throne from Harold. Harold marches his army north and defeats the Viking force and kills his brother.  |  |  |
| Harold now hears of William’s arrival and has to march his army 400km south (12 days) to ready for battle.  |  |  |
| Harold arrives at Hastings with no cavalry and just a few archers but expects reinforcements to arrive.  |  |  |
| Harold gets to the battle ground first and secures the high ground.  |  |  |

**B** Even if you already know who won the battle, choose a side purely based on the preceding and the following evidence.

**C** Would you want to arrive at the battle field before the opposing forces or wait and see where they set up and then plan your strategy?

**D** Which army do you think has the advantage? Why?