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

# Who won the battle of Hastings?

**1** In the course of the early morning battle which side seemed to have had the upper hand?

**2** What important advantage did the English have?

**3** Why did the Norman attack suddenly falter?

**4** How was William able to rally his forces?

**5** What was the state of the battle by early afternoon? At this stage, which army do you think is most likely to win? Why?

**6** How were the archers able to now play a crucial role in the battle?

**7** What tactic did William use to try to break the shield wall that had thus far proven impenetrable?

**8** Why did the shield wall finally break and what were the consequences?

**9** If you had been King Harold, what would you have done differently to win the battle?