

# The Norman invasion in Britain

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The Normans were traders and explorers, and willing to settle down. William I attacked Britain with his army of 10,000 men, on September 28th, 1066. They crossed the English Channel and landed at Pevensey in South England. William I beat Harold Godwinson's army at the battle of Hastings on October 14, 1066. He was crowned King William of England on 25th December, 1066 in Westminster Abbey.

After the Norman conquest, ordinary people continued to speak their language, while French was the language of the upper class. But over time the two cultures merged into Anglo-Norman and eventually modern English.



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