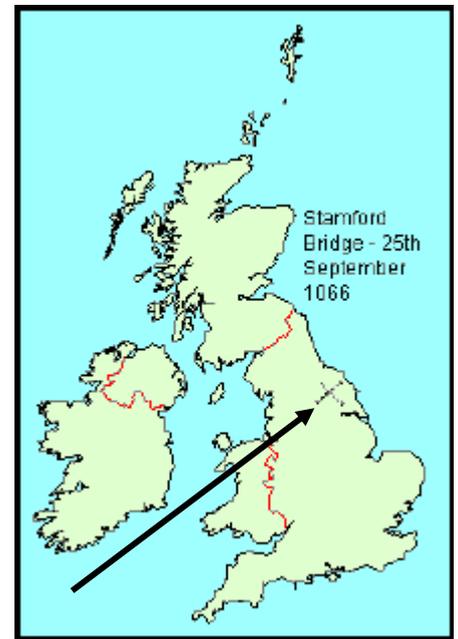


The Battle of Stamford Bridge

For nine months, King Harold (Godwinson) of England sat nervously on his throne, waiting for his rivals to make a move for the crown of England. In September 1066 his wait was over. Hardrada, King of Norway, had landed near York in the North of England and he wasn't leaving until the crown was his. With him was Harold's younger brother, Tostig and about 10,000 bloodthirsty Vikings!



What happened next?

Work out the order of events from below and see if you can re-tell the story of the Battle of Stamford Bridge in a storyboard. You can include pictures too.

1

Tostig is soon found and attacked.
He dies.

2

The battle starts badly for Hardrada's men.
Some have left their armour several miles away

3

After an hour, King Harold's men try to stop the warrior guarding the bridge by floating underneath it and stabbing him from below.

4

By midday King Harold G's army is in control.
Hardrada is killed.

5

Out of respect, Harold buries his dead brother in York.
But bad news arrives.... William, Duke of Normandy, has landed in the South of England at Hastings.

6

King Harold G is the winner. The Vikings only need 24 ships out of 300 to carry the survivors.

7

The Viking guarding the bridge is killed and the English Army rush to cross the bridge noticing that some Vikings have forgotten their armour.

8

With no way over the bridge, Hardrada's men are protected by the river and King Harold's men are at a standstill

9

Hardrada's men seem to be gaining control of the battle. One brave Viking blocks the only bridge and kills 40 Englishmen with his axe.

10

It is early morning....Hardrada's men are sleeping and are woken suddenly at the arrival of King Harold Godwinson's army.