

L.O: To understand who were the contenders for the throne in 1066.

In 1042, an Anglo-Saxon king named Edward the Confessor came to the throne, ruling over all of England. Edward was known to be a deeply religious, gentle man who avoided arguments and disagreements. England was mostly quiet and prosperous during his reign. However, Edward had no children. When he died on 4th January 1066, he left no heir! There was unrest and confusion about who should become the next king. Three men, all strong, experienced warriors, each believed that they had the qualities to become England's next king - Harold Godwinson, Harald Hardrada, and William of Normandy.

## Task

Read the information opposite and then read the three information sheets about the three warriors who wanted to become King of England (Harold, Harald and William).

Once you have read all the information decide who you think has the best claim to the throne and then create a leaflet telling people why this man should be the next king

