



This is a picture of a small section of the Bayeux Tapestry. The Bayeux Tapestry is a very long embroidered cloth, which tells the story of the Norman conquest of England led by William the Conqueror. The tapestry begins with a picture of King Edward the Confessor sending Harold Godwinson (Earl of Wessex) to Normandy in France to tell William (Duke of Normandy) that he is to succeed Edward as King of England after Edward's death.

# The Bayeux Tapestry



Harold passes on the message but sometime later when Edward dies he decides to have himself crowned king. William is angered by this and decides to invade England. After much preparation and a long journey the two sides eventually met at the Battle of Hastings in 1066.



This part of the tapestry shows William's Norman army travelling to England. The tapestry goes on to show Harold's death and the defeat of his Anglo-Saxon army. The final scenes show Harold's troops fleeing the battlefield. After his victory in the Battle of Hastings William took control of England and was crowned King William I.