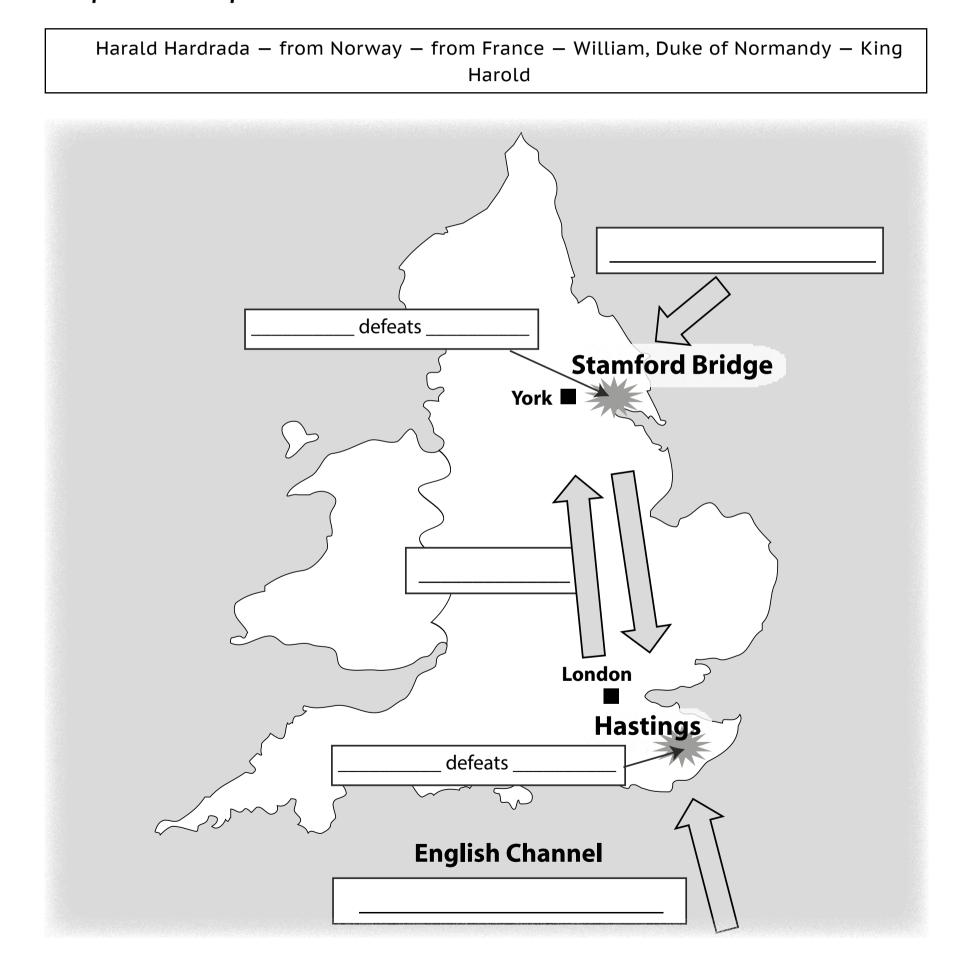
Battle of Hastings Activities

A. Who and Where? Complete the map.



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B. Grammar: Past and Present Write this paragraph in the present tense.

1066 was an important year in English history: two kings died, William the Conqueror led the last successful invasion of England, the world's most famous comic strip was created and French became the legal language of England for the next 400 years! When Edward the Confessor, the king of England died, Harold Godwinson became king. But William, Duke of Normandy (and Edward's cousin), said that Edward had promised him the English crown. He started constructing ships and organising an army to invade England. Harald Hardrada of Norway decided to invade the north. So, King Harold marched the English army north and defeated the Norwegians. At the same time, William arrived in the south. When he heard King Harold was on the way, William made camp at Hastings to prepare for the battle. It was a difficult battle but finally, Harold died and William won. He was crowned king in London on Christmas Day.

B. Writing a Summary

Use the information in this box, plus the article, to write a coherent paragraph about Willliam the Conqueror. Give your paragraph a title, and remember to use link words to connect your sentences.

- 1. Name: William
- 2. Approximate date of birth: 1028
- **3.** Parents and position:
 - father: Robert, Duke of Normandy
 - mother: Herleva, daughter of a tanner
- 4. Consequence: Illegitimate child
- 5. Famous cousin: Edward the Confessor, King of England
- 6. Childhood: dangerous. His guardian: murdered
- **7.** Father's death: 1035 Consequence: William is duke.
- 8. Situation in the dukedom: various rebellions
- 9. 1051: promise of the throne of England by Edward the Confessor
- **10.** 1053: marriage to Matilda. Her father: count of Flanders
- **11.** January 1066: Edward's death/coronation of Harold, Duke of Wessex
- **12.** 28 September 1066: William landing in England
- **13.** 14 October 1066: battle between William's and Harold's armies
- **14.** 25 December 1066: William's coronation
- **15.** From 1066 to 1081: rebellions. Invasion of Scotland (1072) and Wales (1081). Most of his time in France.
- **16.** 1087: date of death
- for his son Robert: French lands and titles
- for his son William Rufus: the throne of England

