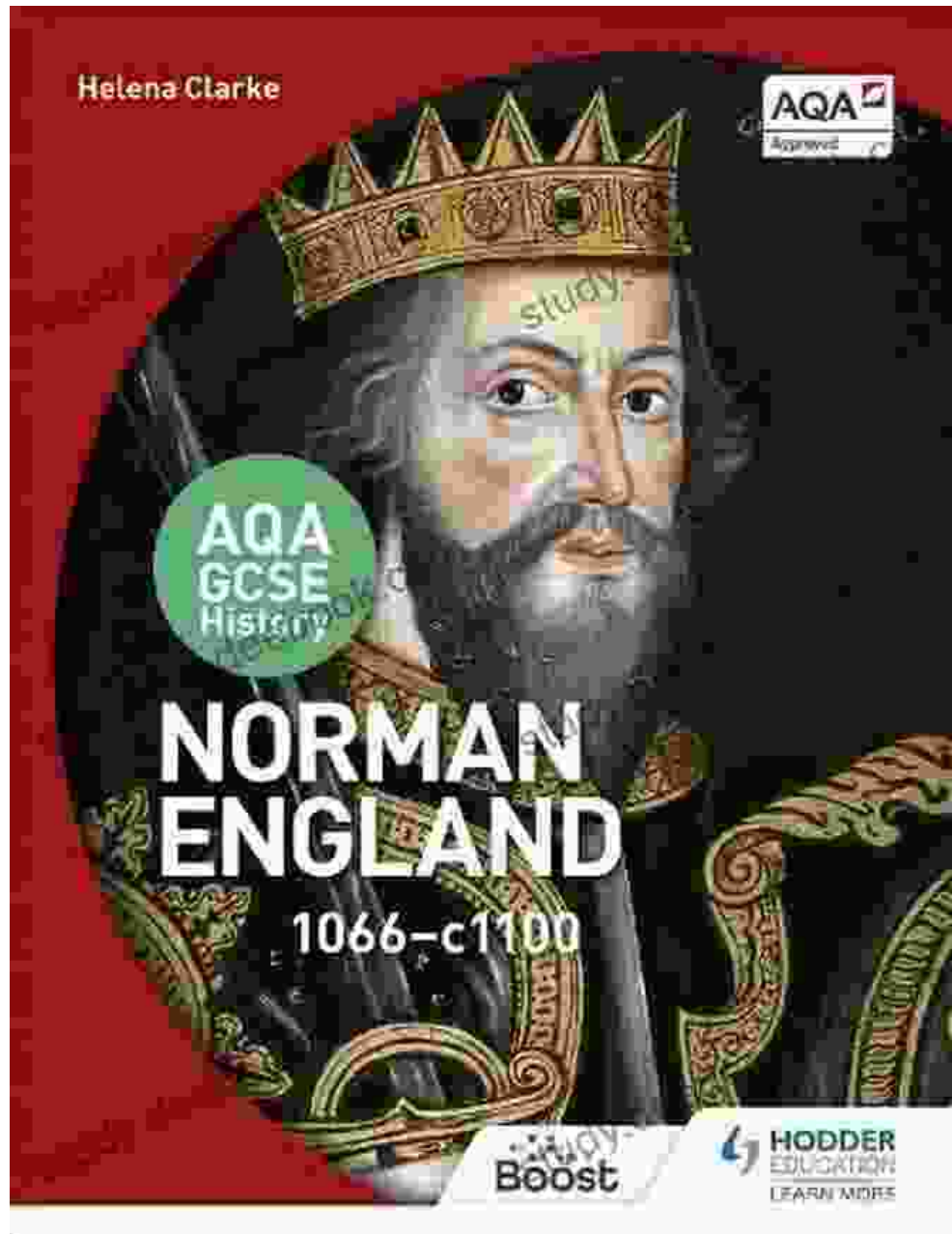


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The Norman Conquest

The Norman Conquest began with the invasion of England by William, Duke of Normandy, in 1066. William had a claim to the English throne through his distant cousin, Edward the Confessor. Edward had died childless in 1066, and Harold Godwinson, the Earl of Wessex, was elected king by the English nobles. William, however, believed that he was the rightful heir to the throne and invaded England with a large army.

The Norman army landed in Pevensey Bay on September 28, 1066. Harold marched south to meet the Normans, and the two armies clashed at the Battle of Hastings on October 14, 1066. The Norman army was victorious, and Harold was killed in the battle. William was crowned king of England on December 25, 1066.

The Norman Kings

William the Conqueror was a ruthless and effective ruler. He quickly established his authority over England and began to implement a series of reforms. He introduced a new system of government based on feudalism, which divided the country into fiefs that were granted to Norman lords. He also ordered the compilation of the Domesday Book, a survey of all the land in England.

William's successors, William Rufus and Henry I, continued his work of consolidating Norman rule in England. They extended the Norman system of government and introduced new laws and customs. Henry I also reformed the English church and established a system of royal justice.

The Impact of the Norman Conquest

The Norman Conquest had a profound impact on English society. The Normans brought with them a new language, a new culture, and a new system of government. They also introduced new technologies and agricultural practices. The Norman Conquest also led to a significant change in the social structure of England. The Normans became the new ruling class, and the Anglo-Saxons were displaced from their positions of power.

The Norman Conquest was a major turning point in English history. It marked the end of Anglo-Saxon rule and the beginning of a new era of Norman domination. The Normans left a lasting legacy on English society, and their influence can still be seen today.

Key Events

* 1066: Battle of Hastings * 1066: William the Conqueror crowned king of England * 1086: Domesday Book completed * 1095: First Crusade launched * 1100: Death of William Rufus

Key Figures

* William the Conqueror * Harold Godwinson * William Rufus * Henry I

Themes

* The Norman Conquest * Feudalism * The Domesday Book * The Norman Church * The Impact of the Norman Conquest

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