

# ANGLO-SAXON AND NORMAN ENGLAND INTERACTIVE

**Was England completely changed by the Norman Conquest?  
Explain your answer. [16 marks]**

## WRITING FRAME

Political changes	Social changes	Physical changes	What did not change?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Norman ruling class in control</li><li>• Anglo-Saxon earls lost power</li><li>• Structure of government</li><li>• Role of sheriffs</li><li>• Links to Norway and Sweden were severed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Norman-French language</li><li>• Feudal system</li><li>• Change of land ownership</li><li>• Forest Laws</li><li>• Increase in taxes</li><li>• Slavery abolished</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Castles</li><li>• Cathedrals</li><li>• Expansion of monasteries</li><li>• Development of towns</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Farming and village life</li><li>• Medicine</li><li>• Some laws</li><li>• The Geld tax</li></ul>

**Introduction:** Say what your argument is e.g. 'The Norman Conquest brought about many changes to England but there were some aspects of Anglo-Saxon life that stayed the same.'

### **First major paragraph**

Write about some of the **political** changes brought about by the Normans and **explain how and why these changes affected the Anglo-Saxons.**

### **For example**

*One important change brought about by the Norman Conquest was the dramatic change in the ruling class. William brought his own men from Normandy to govern England. At first, William tried to win the loyalty of the Anglo-Saxon earls but the revolts showed that they could not be trusted. William decided not to have them in his government. Powerful Normans like Bishop Odo and earl William Fitz Osbern replaced Anglo-Saxon earls Morcar and Edwin. This was an important change because at all levels of society, Norman control was complete in national and local government.*

Write about several other political changes, then do the same for **social** and **physical** changes.

Because the question asks 'completely changed', you must **give example of how England stayed the same** after the Norman Conquest.

**Conclusion:** Explain the extent of the change. Was England completely changed? What was the most important change and why?