

Anglo-Saxon Kingly Facts

True or False?



The writer of this information sheet has not been paying attention in history lessons! 5 pieces of information about the last Anglo-Saxon kings are wrong.

Can you spot the mistakes? Read through the text and underline the facts which are not true. Write the correct fact at the side of the page.

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Edward was the son of King Ethelred the Unready. He was known as 'The Praying King' because he led a very religious life.	
Edward the Confessor died in AD 1066 and Ethelred became the king. He was a strong leader and he fought hard to keep the throne.	
William the Duke of Normandy thought he should be king of England and so he and his army came to battle against Harold.	
The two leaders fought in the Battle of Hunger Games and Harold was killed when he was shot through the eye with an arrow.	
William of Normandy was crowned the new king of England on 25 th December AD 1066. The Viking age in Britain and Anglo-Saxon rule came to an end.	
In time, William became known as William the Invader.	
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