

Role brief for Harold Godwinson, Earl of Wessex

You want to be King of England. You have been the most powerful man in England for many years and your brothers, Gyrth and Leofwyne, are also very rich and powerful. You are a great soldier and you led the English army in victories against the Welsh. King Edward told you that he would like you to be king when he is dead

Role brief for King Harald Hardrada of Norway

You want to be King of England, one of the richest countries in Europe. You are a great Viking war leader, the most famous soldier in Europe and you have fought many wars successfully. Conquering England will give you even more glory. Only twenty-five years ago, England was ruled by kings from Scandinavia and there are many people descended from the Vikings living in the north of England.

Role brief for Duke William

You want to be King of England, one of the richest countries in Europe. You have fought many wars in France and now you want to win even more power by becoming King of England. King Edward of England grew up in Normandy and he promised you that you would be the next king.

Role brief for Earl Edwin

You rule Mercia, a large area in the middle of England. You want to keep your wealth, whoever is the next king. Earl Morcar is your brother.

Role brief for Earl Morcar

You rule Northumbria, a large area in the north of England. You want to keep your wealth, whoever is the next king. Earl Edwin is your brother.

Role brief for Edgar the Aetheling

You are fifteen years old. You are King Edward's closest relative but you have no wealth or experience of leading an army. You are not likely to be chosen as king because you are too young.

Role brief for Earl Leofwyne

You are Harold's brother. You are already wealthy but you will grow richer and more powerful still if your brother becomes king.

Role brief for Earl Gyrth

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Role brief for Norman Chroniclers

You are monks who live and work at a monastery in Normandy and you keep a chronicle of famous events. Your task will be to write an account of Duke William's invasion of England but, for now, you just need to jot down ideas and details that will help you.

Make a note of the main events you will include in your chronicle and what role duke William played in them.

Think carefully about the words you will use, especially adjectives, to describe Duke William and the other leaders. Don't be afraid to be biased or miss out things that are not important in Normandy.

Role brief for English Chroniclers

You are monks who live and work at a monastery in the south of England and you keep a chronicle of famous events. Your task will be to write an account of the events of 1066 but, for now, you just need to jot down ideas and details that will help you.

Make a note of the main events you will include in your chronicle and what role King Harold played in them.

Think carefully about the words you will use, especially adjectives, to describe King Harold and the other leaders. Don't be afraid to be biased or miss out things that you do not want to write about.

Role brief for Norwegian Saga Tellers

You are great story-tellers at the court of the famous soldier, King Harald Hardrada of Norway. Your task will be to tell a rousing saga of the events of 1066 but, for now, you just need to jot down ideas and details that will help you.

Make a note of the main events you will include in your saga and what role King Harald Hardrada played in them.

Think carefully about the words you will use, especially adjectives, to describe Hardrada and the other leaders. Don't be afraid to be biased or miss out things that are not relevant to your audience in Norway.