



NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

Bayeux Tapestry returns to UK after 900 years

KEYWORDS

- ☐ **Tapestry:**
A fabric covered in pictures or designs
- ☐ **Artefacts:** Important objects from the past
- ☐ **Embroided:**
Sewn onto a fabric
- ☐ **Anglo-Saxons:**
The people who lived in England in 1066



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In 1066, an army made up of troops from modern day France invaded England. They were led by the Duke of Normandy, who later became known as William the Conqueror. This period is known as the Norman Conquest. Its most famous battle took place at Hastings.

A groundbreaking deal has been struck to return one of history's greatest artistic wonders to the UK, more than 900 years after its creation, the UK government has announced.

Story telling

The Bayeux **Tapestry** tells the tale of the Norman conquest of England in 1066. It is believed to have been created in Kent in the 11th Century, over 900 years ago.

It is currently held in the Bayeux Museum in France, but France has agreed

to loan it to the UK in exchange for **artefacts** from British museums such as a 12th Century chess set.

Epic tale

The **embroidered** masterpiece is 70 metres long, including 58 scenes, 626 characters and 202 horses. It ends with the **Anglo-Saxons'** defeat at the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

This period is one of the most famous in British history. Children across the country study it in school,

and the tapestry has also inspired famous modern artists like David Hockney.

Get involved

If you want to see the masterpiece in person, you're in luck! It will be displayed to the public at the British Museum in London from Autumn 2026 until July 2027.

George Osborne, the British Museum's chair of trustees, promised that the exhibition will be "the blockbuster show of our generation".



INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

COULD YOU MAKE YOUR LIFE STORY INTO ART?

WHAT
does the
tapestry
show?

WHO
invaded
England?

WHERE
were the
Anglo-Saxons
defeated?

WHEN
did the Norman
conquest happen?

WHY
will France
also benefit?

HOW
long is the
tapestry?

1 CHECK YOUR FACTS

Make sure you have all the facts before you start your investigation. Can you answer these questions?

2 KNOW YOUR KEYWORDS

Can you remember what these keywords mean? Match the word to the correct meaning.

1=B

2=

3=

4=

1. Tapestry

2. Artefacts

3. Embroidered

4. Anglo-Saxons

A. The people who lived in England in 1066

B. A fabric covered in pictures or designs

C. Important objects from the past

D. Sewn onto a fabric

3 LOOK AT ALL SIDES

There's always more than one side to every story. How might the people involved feel about the story?



History lovers



Schoolkids who study the Battle of Hastings



People who live outside London



People who don't like history



Happy



Sad



Calm



Excited



Surprised



Angry



Scared



Bored



Disgusted



Confused

4 DISCUSS THE QUESTION

Could you make your life story into art?

What do you think?
Use the speaking prompts here to help you get started.

I disagree with...

I agree with...

I'm not sure about...

I'd like to know more about...

I think that...

I don't think that...



5 REPORT BACK

Write, present or record a report that communicates your view. Share this with your class, family and friends. What's their opinion?