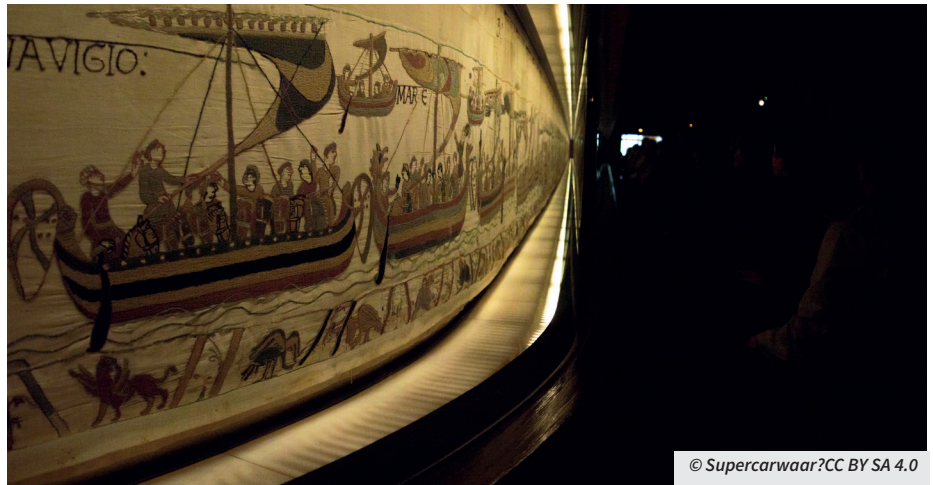


EXTRA EXTRA!

READ ALL ABOUT IT

UK and France agree historic Bayeux Tapestry loan

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The Bayeux Tapestry is returning to the UK more than 900 years after its creation, the UK government has confirmed.

The 70m-long masterpiece, which tells the story of the Norman conquest of England in 1066, will be loaned in a historic agreement to be signed between the French and British governments.

The huge embroidery — which is widely believed to have been created in Kent in the 11th Century — will go on display at the British Museum in London next year.

Although the final part of the embroidery is missing, it ends with the Anglo Saxons fleeing at the end of the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

Its 58 scenes, 626 characters and 202 horses give an account of the Norman conquest like no other. The work has inspired many through the centuries, including artist David Hockney.

In exchange, treasures including artefacts such as a 12th Century chess set will be loaned to museums in France.

The Bayeux Tapestry will be displayed from next Autumn until July 2027, while its current home, the Bayeux Museum, is being renovated. 2027 is

also the 1000th anniversary of the birth of William the Conqueror.

The British Museum expects that the exhibition will be one of its most popular, a once-in-a-generation show.

As George Osborne, the British Museum's chair of trustees, put it: "There is no other single item in British history that is so familiar, so studied in schools, so copied in art as the Bayeux Tapestry.

"Yet in almost 1,000 years it has never returned to these shores.

"Next year it will and many, many thousands of visitors, especially schoolchildren, will see it with their own eyes."

Some museum experts see this as a sign that the British Museum is preparing for an agreement to return the Parthenon Sculptures, famous artefacts from Ancient Greece, to be returned to Greece.

The Parthenon Project, a group which lobbies for the return of the classical marbles, says that a similar "win-win" solution could be found, with important items from Greece brought to the British Museum in exchange.

FIND THE TRUTH?

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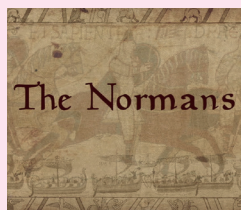


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CHECK YOUR FACTS

1

WHAT
does the
tapestry
show?

ANSWER:
The story of
the Norman
Conquest

WHO
invaded
England?

ANSWER:
An army from
modern day
France

WHERE
were the
Anglo-Saxons
defeated?

ANSWER:
Hastings

WHEN
did the Norman
conquest happen?

ANSWER:
1066

WHY
will France
also benefit?

ANSWER:
It will be loaned
artefacts such as
a 12th century
chess set in return

HOW
long is the
tapestry?

ANSWER:
70
metres

2

KNOW YOUR KEYWORDS

1. Tapestry

2. Artefacts

3. Embroided

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

1=B

2=C

3=D

4=A

3

LOOK AT ALL SIDES

Answers are subjective and may vary.
The below is just a guide.

History lovers



Happy

**People who live
outside London**



Sad



Angry

**Schoolkids who
study the Battle
of Hastings**



Excited

**People who don't
like history**



Bored

