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Title of Dissertation:
Teitl eich Traethawd Hir

William I of England, William Duke of Normandy and his border strategies

Aims and Objectives:
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The aims and objectives of the dissertation is to re-appraise the strategies used by William I of England, Duke of Normandy and how he applied them to the retaining of the lands he inherited and in protecting those of his expanding empire.

Abstract (approximately 500 words):

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The focus will be around 1066, a pivotal moment for both England and the Normandy, but I will draw on the experience of earlier confrontations documented in chronicles and texts written for the period either by or at the request of individuals and commentators of the time. Drawing from these texts a word picture of William and then taking that forward to assess how he interacted with, manoeuvred and challenged his relatives and liege families to his will.

I will contrast the developments in both England and Normandy through studying writs, writ-charters and charters of the time which reveal how William and his successors used their authority and acquired wealth to gain loyalty and service from those who received the instruction or gift. Pipe rolls in England give insight to the pressures on the royal purse. The dissertation will look, for example, at the problems encountered by William the Conqueror as he headed north to counties that had a history of raids from the Danes; areas which had a settled but difficult peace established between the Britons and the foreign raiders. These raiders were distant relatives of William and I will look at the whether his method of subduing resistance in other areas of England were the same or different from that in the North due to this relationship.

Having explored these and similar disputes and uprisings this study will assess if personality and leadership was the major factor in success or failure; whether strategy or personality or the situation in which the opposition found themselves affected the outcome. Finally I will assess if William's legacy was a new innovation or just a reshaping of what had evolved during the previous leadership periods. Was his success reliant on what had already be put in place by Alfred the Great and his successors in Britain and others on Normandy, and whether William's successors adopted his methods and could sustain or even desire his fervour for conquering?

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