

How did the Battle of Hastings Impact England?

The Domesday Book

The Domesday Book was an early comprehensive survey started in 1066, with 600 landholders named, and many more not even recorded. It measured how much land a landowner had, so taxes could be assigned. It gives a clear picture of land, who owned the land, and how much money was taxed in a year.

Security and Power

William the Conqueror organized a divided society into an organized Feudal system. Enhancing the power of Local Sheriffs, suppressing Earldoms, and establishing castles showed William's power. While several Saxon revolts took place, the most serious being in 1068, they were put down mostly by 1070.

Religion

While life changed little to the common peasant, the monasteries were completely reorganized to a Norman model. Monasteries were stripped of furnishings and made to follow a strict set of rules. Those in positions of monastical power were replaced with Normans.

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