Key Topic/ Area Key Topic 1: Anglo Saxon England and the Norman Conquest 1060-1066	Core Content	Understood?		
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1.1 Anglo Saxon Society	 Monarchy and government. The power of the English monarchy. Earldoms, local government and the legal system. The economy and social system. Towns and villages. The influence of the Church. 			
1.2 The last years of Edward the Confessor and the Succession Crisis	 The house of Godwin. Harold Godwinson's succession as Earl of Wessex. The power of the Godwins. Harold Godwinson's embassy to Normandy. The rising against Tostig and his exile. The death of Edward the Confessor. 			
1.3 The rival claimant; for the throne	 The motives and claims of William of Normandy, Harald Hardrada and Edgar. The Witan and the coronation and reign of Harold Godwinson. Reasons for, and significance of, the outcome of the battles of Gate Fulford and Stamford Bridge. 			
1.4 The Norman Invasion	 The Battle of Hastings. Reasons for William's victory, including the leadership skills of Harold and William, Norman and English troops and tactics. 			
Key Topic 2: William in Power Securing the Kingdom 1066-1087		٤	:	8
2.1 Establishing Control	 The submission of the earls, 1066. Rewarding followers and establishing control on the borderlands through the use of earls. The Marcher earldoms. Reasons for the building of castles; their key features and importance. 			
2.2 The causes and outcomes of Anglo Saxon resistance 1068- 1071	 The revolt of Earls Edwin and Morcar in 1068. Edgar the Aethling and the rebellions in the North, 1069. Hereward the Wake and rebellion at Ely, 1070–71. 			
2.3 The Legacy of resistance to 1087	 The reasons for and features of Harrying of the North, 1069–70. Its immediate and long-term impact, 1069–87. Changes in landownership from Anglo-Saxon to Norman, 1066–87. 			

2.4 Revolt of the	Reasons for and features of the revolt.		
Earl; 1075	• The defeat of the revolt and its effects.		
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Key Topic 3: Norman England 1066-			::	\odot	
1083 3.1 The Feudal System and the Church	 The feudal hierarchy. The role and importance of tenants- in-chief and knights. The nature of feudalism (landholding, homage, knight service, labour service); forfeiture. The Church in England: its role in society and relationship to government, including the roles of Stigand and Lanfranc. The Normanisation and reform of the Church in the reign of William I. The extent of change to Anglo-Saxon society and 				
3.2 Norman Government	 economy. Changes to government after the Conquest. Centralised power and the limited use of earls under William I. The role of regents. The office of sheriff and the demesne. Introduction and significance of the 'forest'. Domesday Book and its significance for Norman government and finance. 				
3.3 Norman Aristocracy	 The culture and language of the Norman aristocracy. The career and significance of Bishop Odo. 				
3.4 William I and his sons	 Character and personality of William I and his relations with Robert. Robert and revolt in Normandy, 1077–80. William's death and the disputed succession. William Rufus and the defeat of Robert and Odo. 				

