

HOW THE NORMANS CHANGED THE HISTORY OF EUROPE

- Mark Robinson -

I Match the words to their synonyms or definitions

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| 1. Target | a. Ravaged |
| 2. To set forth | b. Stay |
| 3. To grant | c. Proletarian |
| 4. Forebear | d. Aim |
| 5. Commoner | e. To unify |
| 6. To merge | f. Visitor to a shrine |
| 7. Pilgrim | g. Model |
| 8. Beacon | h. Inheritance |
| 9. To tear apart | i. Upper interior surface of a room |
| 10. Ceiling | j. To start a journey |
| 11. To remain | k. To give |
| 12. Legacy | l. Ancestor |

II Watch the video and answer the following comprehension questions

https://www.ted.com/talks/mark_robinson_how_the_normans_changed_the_history_of_europe/transcript?language=en#t-305702

1. When did Vikings settle in France? Where?
2. Explain the origin of the word 'Norman'.
3. What is the Bayeux Tapestry famous for?
4. How did William the Conqueror enforce his authority in his newly acquired land?
5. What's the Domesday book?
6. Why are the two words COW and BEEF mentioned in the document?
7. How were Normans pioneer as far as warfare is concerned?
8. Explain what was unique about Sicily.