

The Normans



The Normans wore chainmail and iron helmets



The Normans had cavalry (rode horses)



They painted their lord's emblem on the shields

800

1. Norse raids.

910

2. The King of France gives this land to the Norsemen on condition they become Christians.

1032

3. A small group of Normans conquers southern Italy and Sicily.

1066

4. The Norman invasion of England by Duke William.

1080

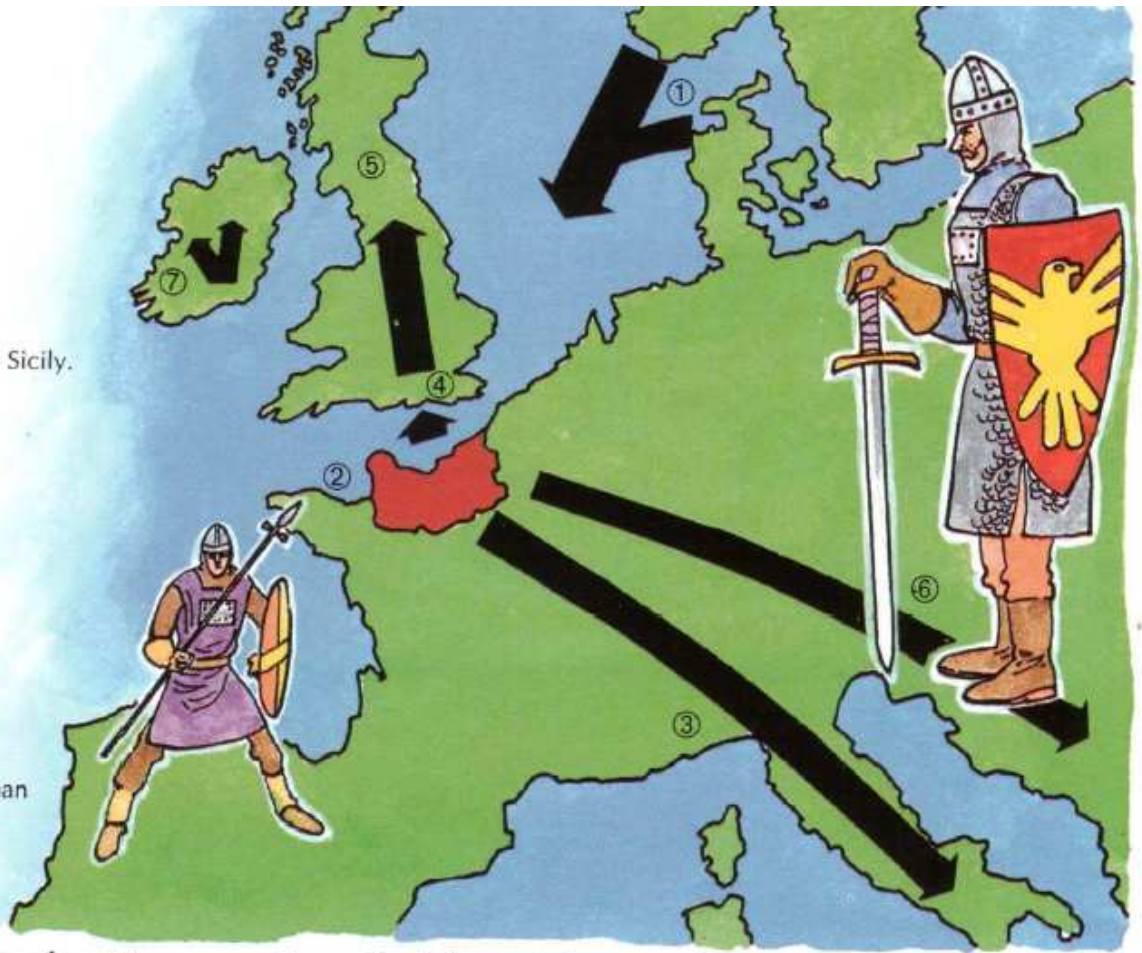
5. William conquers England.

1100

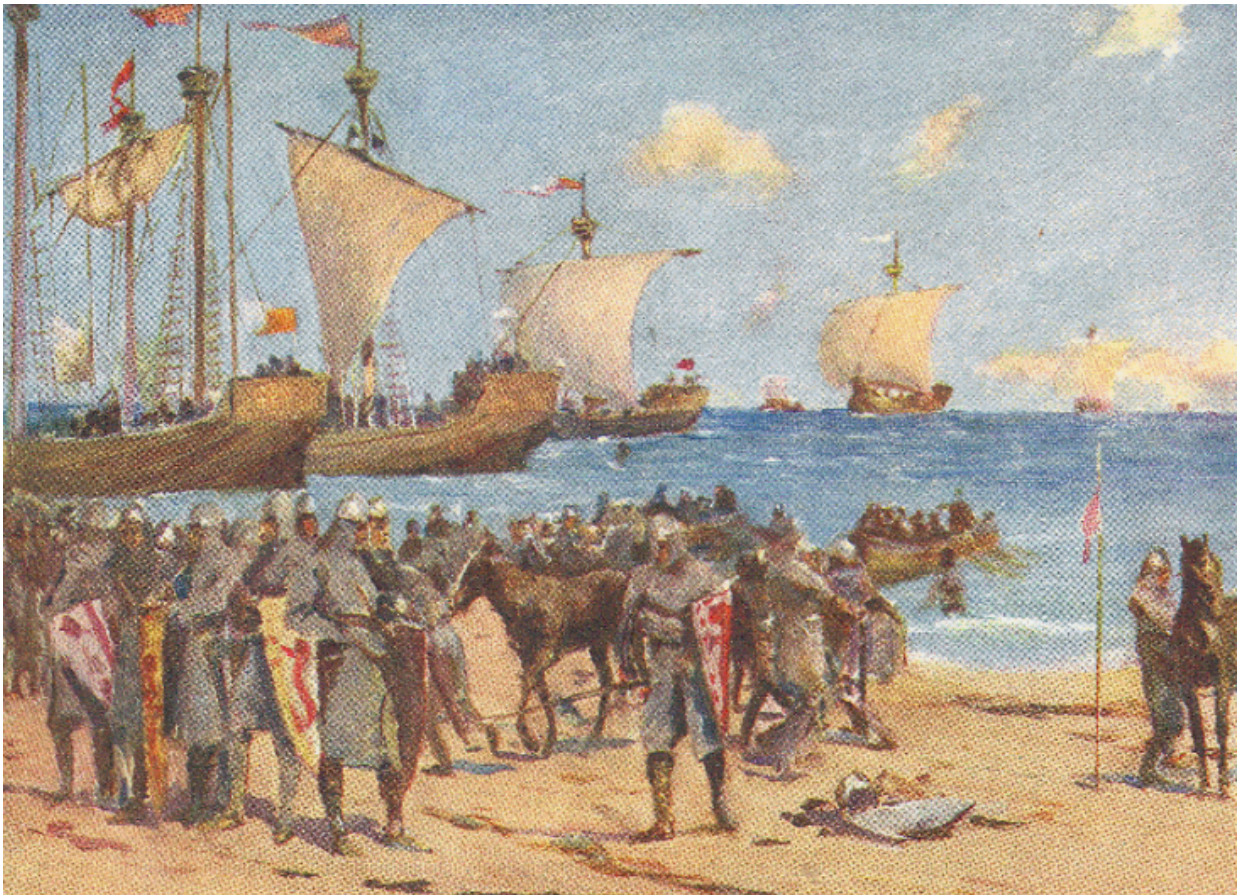
6. The First Crusade to the Holy Land by Norman and Christian knights.

1169-1177

7. Strongbow and Welsh-Norman knights land in Ireland.



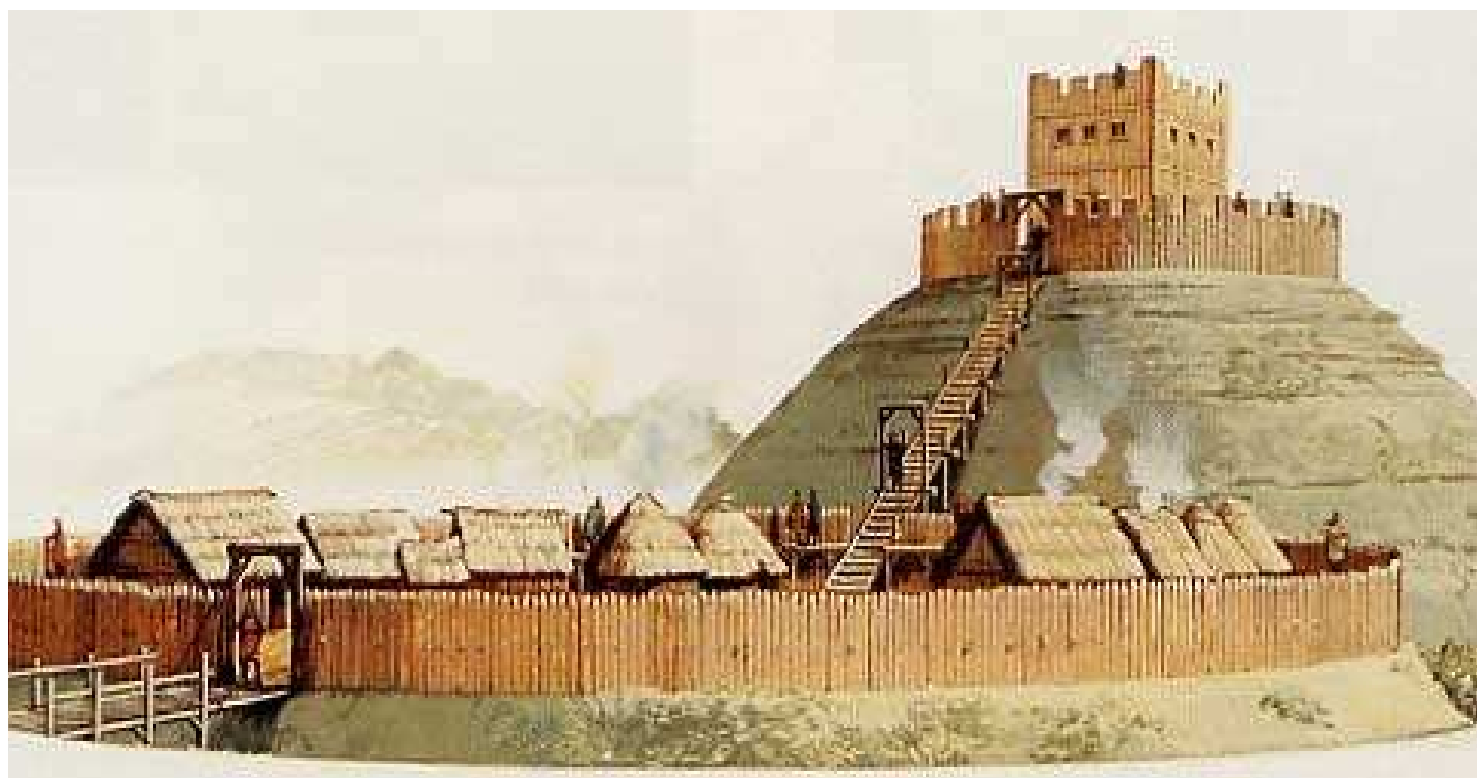
This map shows how the Normans travelled from Normandy to many other parts of Europe, including Ireland. But long before they reached Ireland, they first invaded England.



Normans land at Bannow Bay, Co. Wexford



Normans built castles when they conquered land



Motte and Bailey Castle – timber and earth



The remains of a motte today



A stone keep was often later built on the Motte



Irish Kingdoms when the Normans landed