



CAMBRIDGE HOUSE GRAMMAR SCHOOL REVISION CHECKLIST

YEAR 8: HISTORY

Summer 2026

Your Summer Examination will assess your knowledge and understanding of the topics listed (below).

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1. Apply Primary & Secondary Evidence to sources of evidence		
2. Appreciate why William was frustrated with the behaviour of the English people in northern England		
3. Describe the actions William took to secure control over the north in 1069-70 (Harrying of the North)		
4. Identify the different types of Norman Castle based on a drawing or a photograph		
5. Describe the advantages & disadvantages of the Motte & Bailey Castle		
6. Describe the advantages & disadvantages of stone castles		
7. Explain why the Concentric Castles & Round Keep Castles were difficult to attack		
8. Present the different types of Norman Castle in the correct chronological order		
9. Explain which type of Norman Castle was the most difficult to attack		
10. Identify the major defensive features of each type of Norman Castle		
11. Identify the main weapons which were used to attack a Norman Castle		
12. Explain which weapons were the most suitable for attacking a given type of castle		
13. Explain why siege warfare was quite common in the medieval world		
14. Identify the best location for castle building on a map		
15. Look at a photograph of a potential site & decide whether it is suitable for building a castle on or not.		
16. Explain the purpose of castles in the Norman world		
17. Read sources carefully & detect bias		



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18. Look at a photograph & spot the features of a Norman Castle		
19. Explain how & why castles were upgraded over time		
20. Compare & contrast pre-Norman with Norman Ireland		
21. Appreciate how the Normans changed Ireland		
22. Explain Dermot's role in bringing the Normans to Ireland		
23. Describe the impact of Strongbow on Ireland		