

Chronology!

To understand a story you must know what order things happened in.

In the example of the 'body in a room', you can make up very different stories by changing the order in which things happened. You could make the story a murder, a suicide or just somebody discovering a body.

The Body in a Room

There is a dead body on the floor in a room.
Someone screamed.
Someone went into a room.
Someone left a room.



Chronology is the study of exactly when things happened. When historians put events in **chronological order** they put them in the order that they happened. Like detectives, by placing important events in chronological order we can discover many interesting things about why events happened. That is when History starts to get really interesting.

1066 – The Year that Everyone Remembers!

Every adult in Britain knows the year 1066. But most people can only tell you about the famous 'Battle of Hastings'. But many other important events happened that year too. Read the box below to discover what happened:

In 1066 England had three kings and two major battles. At the start of the year England had an English king on the throne but by Christmas Day a Norman called William of Normandy was crowned King of England. Unfortunately, in this box, the events of the year have got out of chronological order.

- William was crowned King of England on Christmas Day 1066.
- Edward the Confessor died on the 5 January 1066.
- On the 18 January a Viking called Harald Hardraada invaded England.
- Harold Godwinson was crowned King of England just 2 days after Edward's death.
- William was successful at the Battle of Hastings on the 14 October.
- Harold Godwinson defeated Harald Hardraada at the Battle of Stamford Bridge on the 25 September.
- Duke William of Normandy sailed from France to attack England on the 28 September.

Tasks

1. What does **chronological order** mean?
2. Write the title '1066 – The Year that Everyone Remembers' and then write out the jumbled up events in the correct **chronological order**.