GCSE HISTORY ANGLO-SAXON ENGLAND KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER 1

Section 1: Key Terms						Section 3: Key Individuals		
1	hide	an area of land for which tax was payable and military service owed	16	Ceorls	free peasants who owned a small area of land	1	King Edward the Confessor	King of England from 1042-1066
2	shire reeve	a locally appointed man responsible for bringing criminals to justice in a shire (county)	17	relic	sacred objects used to swear oaths	2	Harold Godwinson	Earl of Wessex 1053-1066 and second most powerful man in England
3	Danelaw	northern England where Viking power had been strongest and still identified with Viking culture	18	embassy	visit to another place to deliver a message from the monarch or government	3	Malcolm III	King of Scotland, married to Edgar the Atheling's sister, Margaret
4	hundred	each shire was divided into multiple hundreds	19	mercenary	hired soldier	4	Gospatric	popular Northumbrian aristocrat
5	burh	Anglo-Saxon fortified town	20	fyrd	army made up of every able-bodied man	5	Edith Godwinson	sister of Harold Godwinson and wife of King Edward the Confessor
6	Witan	king's advisors			Section 2: Key Dates	6	Edwin	popular Earl of Mercia
7	thegn	warriors and local lords	1	1013	King Cnut invaded and English royal family fled to Normandy	7	Tostig Godwinson	Earl of Northumbria 1055-1065
8	trial by ordeal	a trial which sought divine judgement	2	1042	Edward became King of England	8	Morcar	brother of Edwin and Earl of Northumbria after Tostig
9	sub regulus	deputy king	3	1051	King Edward invited Duke William of Normandy to court and appointed many Normans to positions of power, causing an uprising in Dover.	9	Stigand	Archbishop of Canterbury
10	collective responsibility	the duty of the community to enforce the law	4	1053	Harold Godwin died and Harold Godwinson became Earl of Wessex	10	Edgar the Atheling	Edward the Exile's son and heir to the throne of England
11	hue and cry	oldest method of self-policing	5	1055	Tostig made Earl of Northumbria	11	Harold Godwin	Harold Godwinson's father and previous Earl of Wessex
12	earl	huge landowners, responsible for upholding the king's laws and appointing shire reeves (sheriffs)	6	1057	Edward the Exile recalled from Exile and mysteriously died	12	Gyrth Godwinson	Harold Godwinson's brother and Earl of East Anglia
13	earldom	made up of several shires and shire reeves helped the earls to maintain order	7	1064	Harold Godwinson's embassy to Normandy	13	Leofwine	Harold Godwinson's brother and Earl of Middlesex
14	shire	each earldom was divided into several county-sized areas	8	1064	Tostig ordered the assassinations of Gospatric and his followers	14	Edward the Exile	King Edward the Confessor's nephew and heir to the throne of England
15	Wergild	meaning 'man-price', system of compensation	9	1065	October: The rising against Tostig November: Tostig exiled	15	King Cnut	King of England from 1016-1035