The Rise of England
The Rule of William the Conqueror

• Introduced Feudal System to England
  – granted large 

fiefs to lords

• Fief – land given to control in exchange for service
The Domesday Book

- In 1086 William ordered a complete Census of the Kingdom
  - Used it as a way of figuring out a tax collection system
Critical Thinking Question

• Why do you think they would compare this tax book to the end of the world?
Critical Thinking Question

• Why would a tax book be so important for regional control?
Rule of Henry II (1133-1189)

- Established system of Royal Justice
  - Common Law foundation for English Legal System
- Established system of Royal Courts
  - Increased Royal Control of matters of law
- Introduced Jury system to England
Critical Thinking Questions

• Why would putting control of the court system in the hands of the king be so important for regional stability? Why could it create instability?
Rule of King John (1199 – 1216)

• Loss to the French
  – Lost regions of Anjou and Normandy

• Loss to the Pope
  – Disagreement led to excommunication of John
    • England made a fief of the Papacy

• Loss to the Nobles
  – Forced to sign Magna Carta