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### England: The Foundation of Modern Government

### Prompt: What led to the structure of England’s political system?

### Thesis: The foundation of England’s political system was established through tumultuous events on the British Isles during the high Middle Ages, which ultimately strengthened and developed Great Britain’s early governmental system.

# BTS1: The death of Edward the Confessor led to the Norman acquisition of England, connecting England directly to France, ultimately strengthening and developing England politically.

## Evidence: “the Normans established a hierarchy of nobles holding lands as fiefs from the king…creating a strong centralized monarchy” (Spielvogel 269).

### Analysis: Change allowed William to centralize England’s government.

#### Analysis/Connection: Sets up basic institutions, creates foundation for England’s government.

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## Evidence: “a vassal who was now far more powerful than his lord” (Spielvogel 269).

### Analysis: King in England was also the Duke in Normandy

#### Analysis/Connection: Rulers would have a say in what happens on continent and the British Isles

#### Analysis/Connection: Gives England strength both on continent and at home.

**Restated Thesis:**

Works Cited

Spielvogel, Jackson. *Western Civilization.* Stamford, Cengage Learning, 2015.