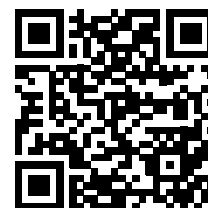


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Norman Impact on English Monasteries



The _____, who conquered England in 1066, brought significant changes to many aspects of English life, including _____. One of the key areas they influenced was the monastic system. Before the Norman Conquest, English _____ were relatively isolated and had developed unique traditions. However, the Normans introduced Continental practices, leading to widespread _____. These reforms were often spearheaded by Norman _____, who were appointed to lead English monasteries. They focused on strict adherence to the Rule of Saint _____, a guide for monastic life that emphasized discipline and _____. This rule had been somewhat relaxed in English monasteries, but the Normans enforced it with renewed vigor. Additionally, the _____ of monasteries was transformed. Norman monasteries were built with grand, imposing structures, showcasing their new _____ style, which was a stark contrast to the simpler Anglo-Saxon designs.

The influence of the Normans also extended to _____. Monasteries became centers for learning, where monks were engaged in _____ pursuits. This period saw the translation of many religious texts into _____, helping to shape the English _____ of the time. These changes were not just confined to religious practices but also had a broader impact on English culture and society. The blend of Norman and English traditions eventually gave rise to a unique _____, marking a significant chapter in the history of medieval England.

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