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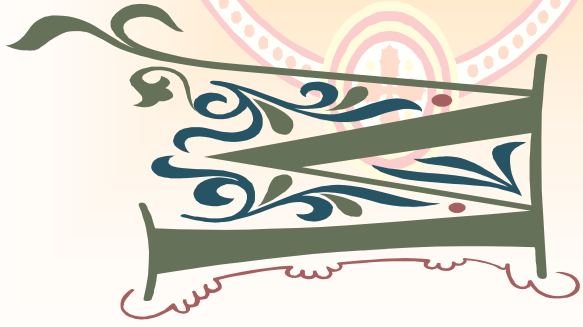
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It is the year 1066.
The King Edward
the Confessor has
died. He has left
no heir. England
faces a crisis there
is no clear
candidate for king.

Your Task.

**You are a member
of the Council
called the Witan it
is your job to
chose a new king.**





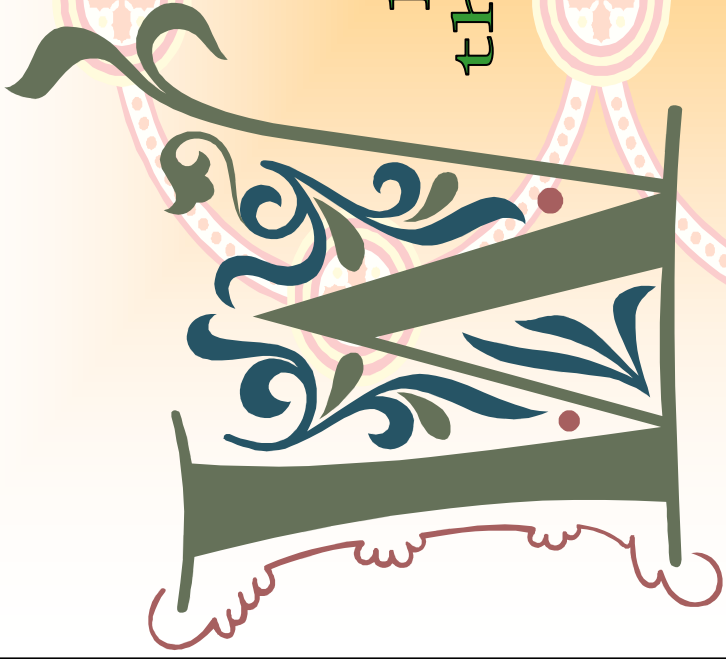
hat kind of man do you need?
What qualities must a king have?





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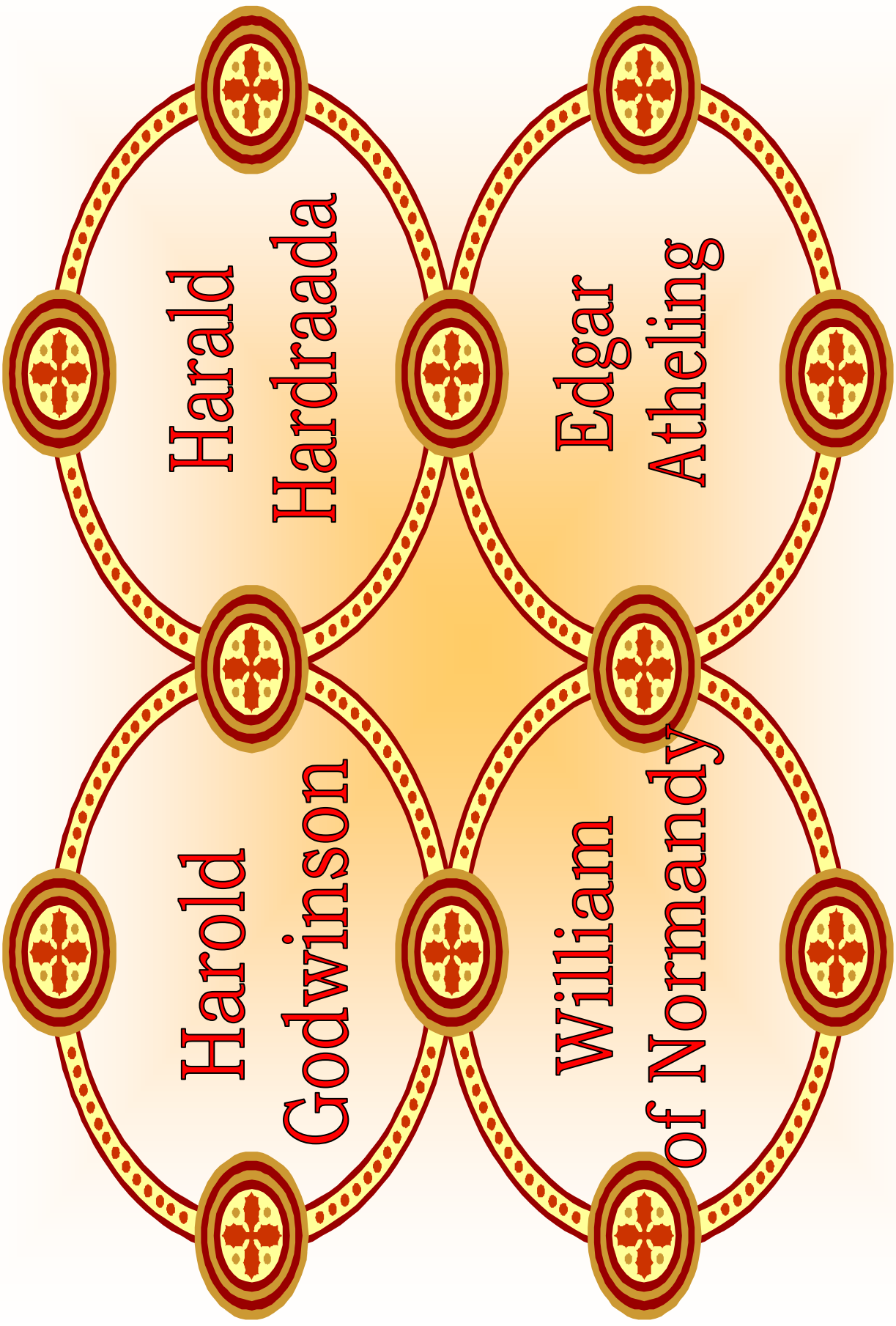
- **An experienced leader**
- **A skilled warrior**
- **English**
- **A relative of the late king**



Which qualities are the most important?

Try to rank the 4 key qualities in order of importance.





Harald
Hardrada

Edgar
Atheling

Harald
Godwinson

William
of Normandy



Harold Godwinson





Harold Godwinson, Earl of Wessex was the late king's brother-in-law. Harold Claimed that he had been given the crown on Edward's death bed.

He was an experienced warrior and had been earl of Wessex for many years. But he was believed to have murdered Edward's brother.



William of Normandy

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William Duke of Normandy claimed that Edward had promised him the crown of England when Edward died.

He also claimed that Harold Godwinson had sworn to support his claim to the throne. William said Harold had sworn on the bones of a saint to help William become the next king of England.



Harold swears a holy oath



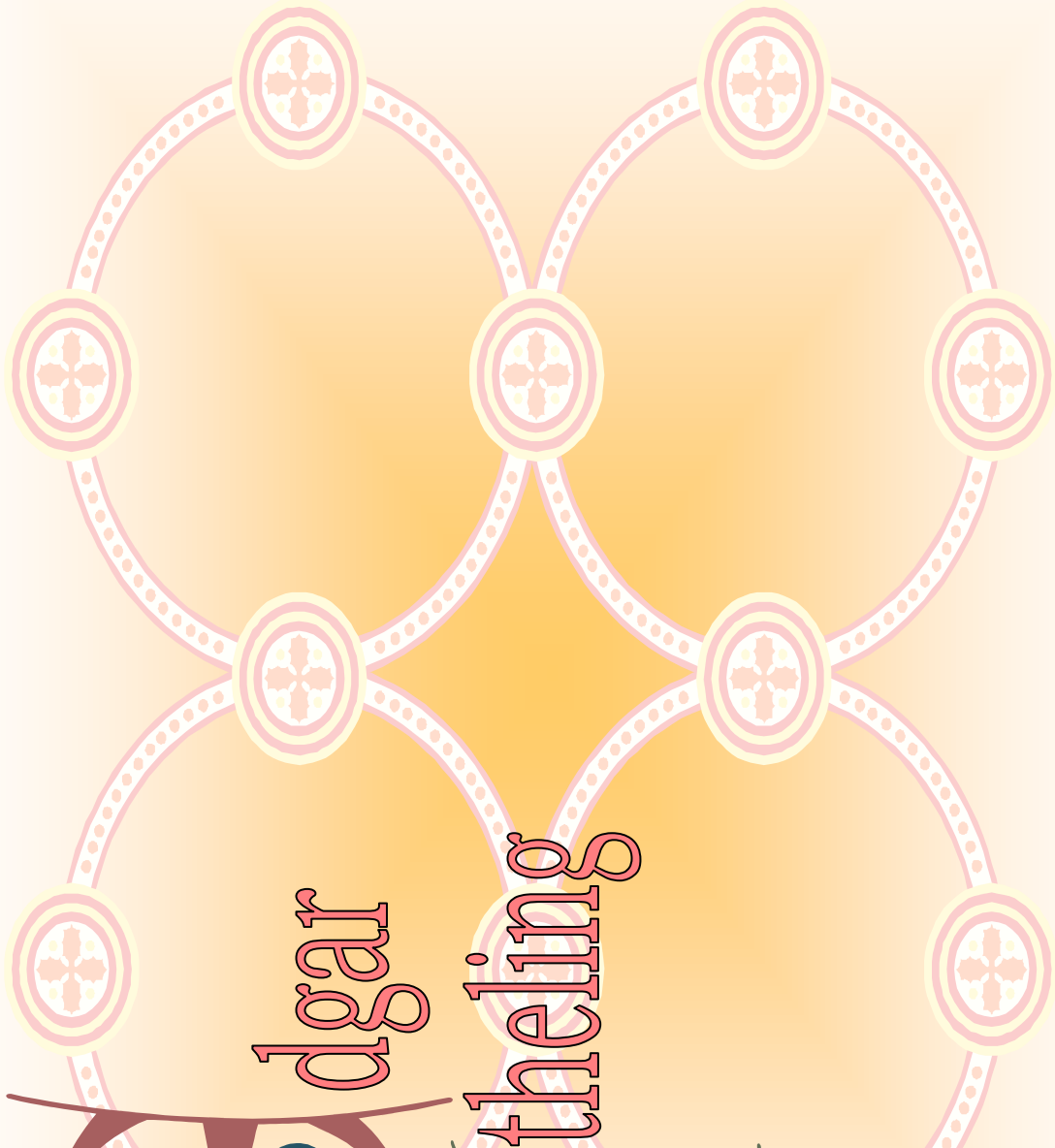
In 1016 England had a Viking king called King Cnut. King Cnut was also King of Norway and Denmark. King Cnuts' family ruled England until 1042 when Edward the Confessor took the throne. King Cnut's heirs said they were the real Kings of England.

Harald Hardraada was Cnut's heir.



**At the Age of 51, Harald
Hardraada was the most
renowned soldier of the
Age.”**





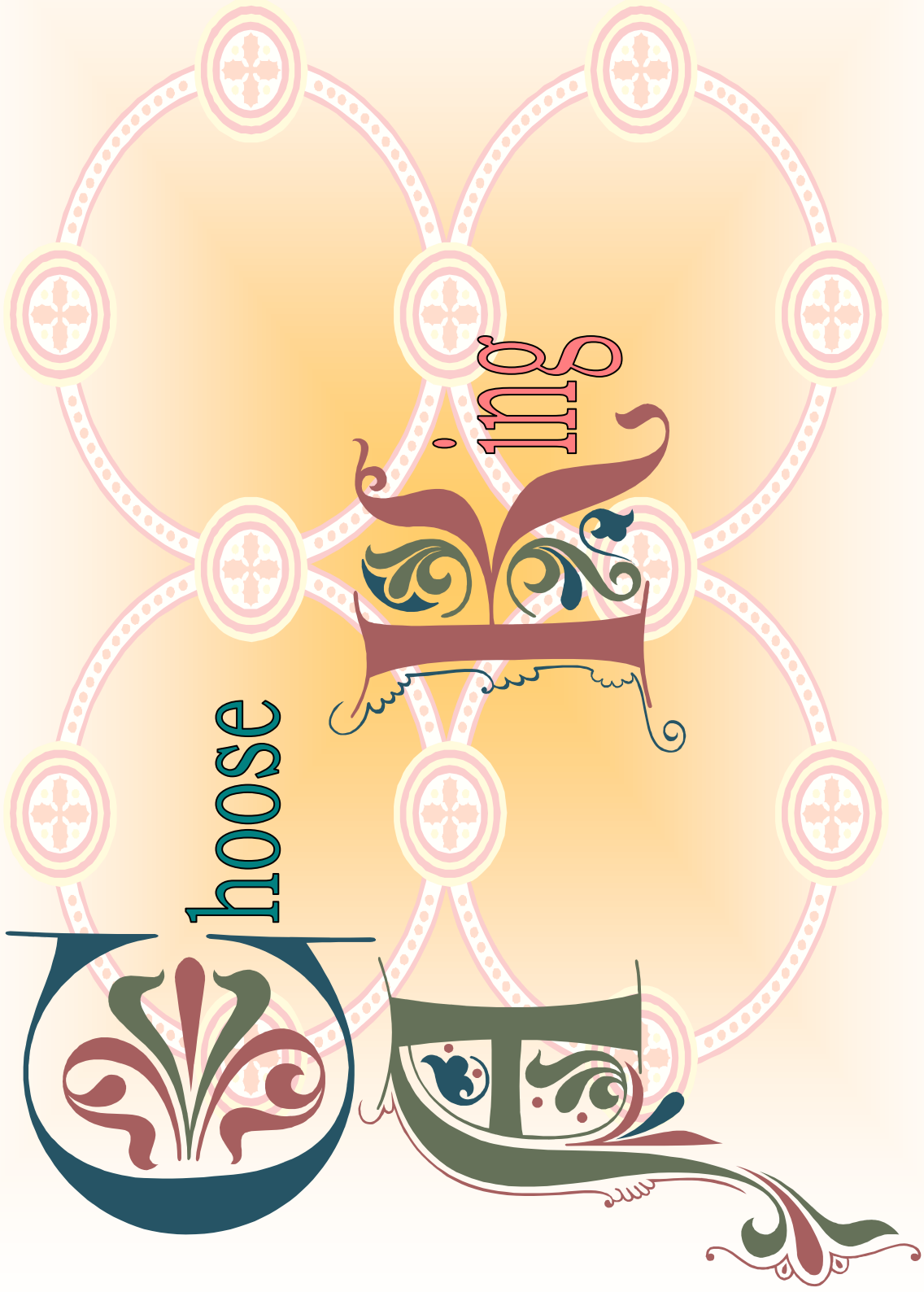
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Edgar Atheling was the son of Edward the Confessors' brother. But when Edward died Edgar was only 14 years old.







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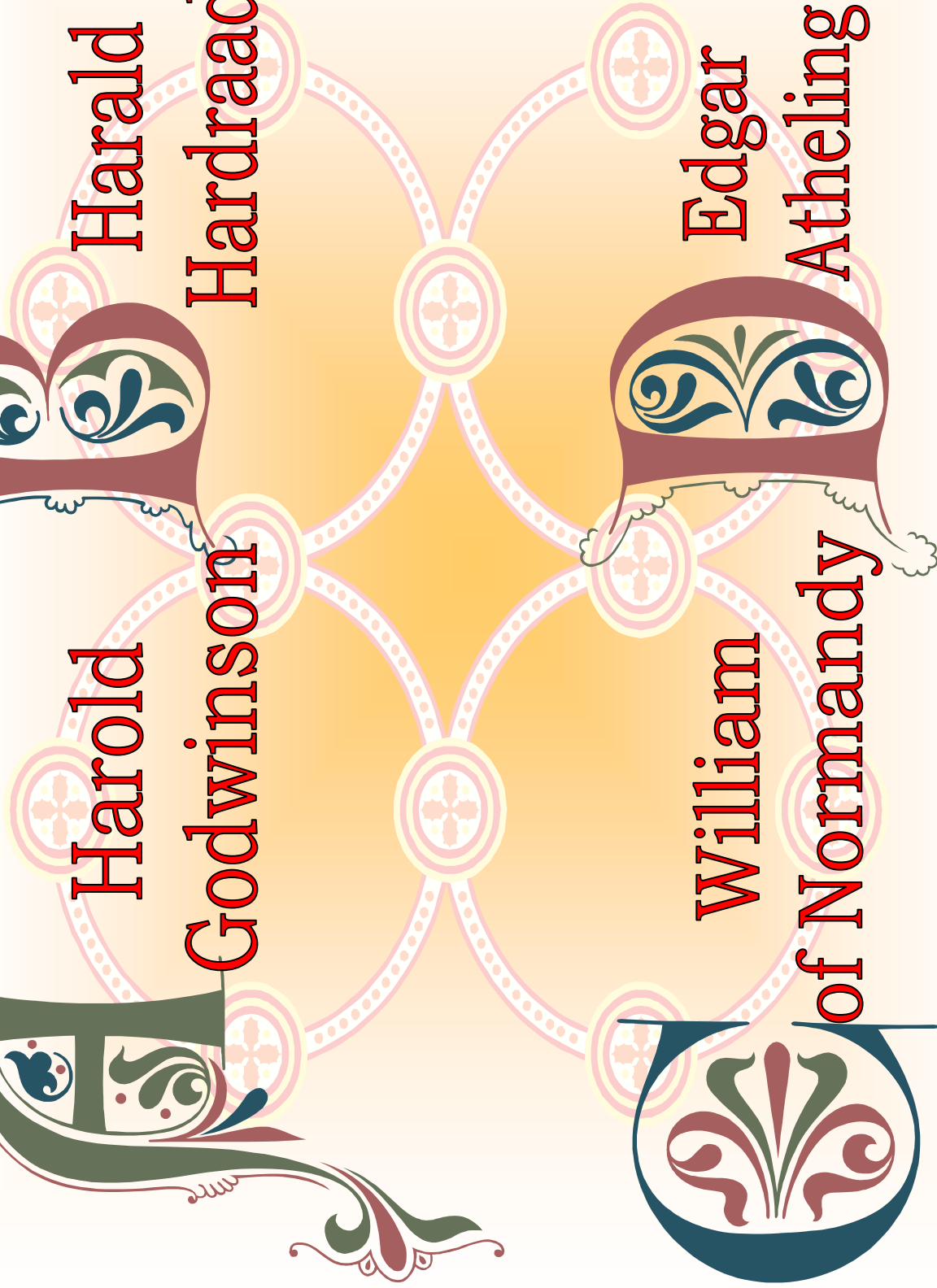
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Harold Godwinson

If you chose Harold Godwinson well done! Give yourself 10/10. Harold was the Witan's choice. He was English and an experienced soldier. He understood how England should be governed.



Harald

Hardraada

**If you chose Harald give yourself
7 / 10. He was a great warrior and
an experienced ruler. But to the
English he was a foreigner and they
didn't want to be ruled by a
foreigner.**



William of Normandy

If you chose William give yourself 7 / 10. He was an experienced ruler and a skilled warrior but like Harald Hardrada he was a foreigner.



Edgar Atheling

If you chose Edgar give
yourself 3/10. Although
Edgar was a relative he was
far too young to make a
good king.