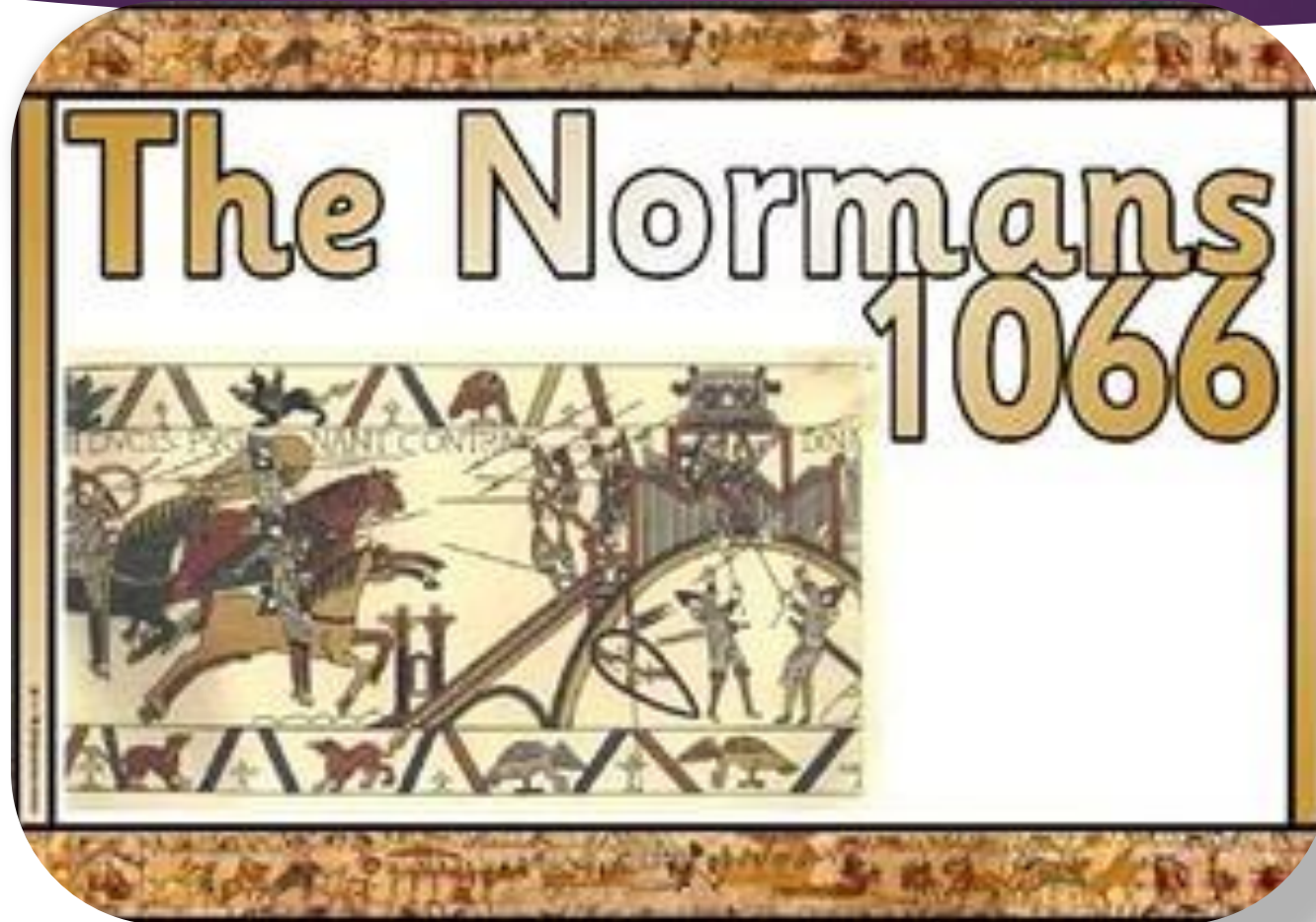
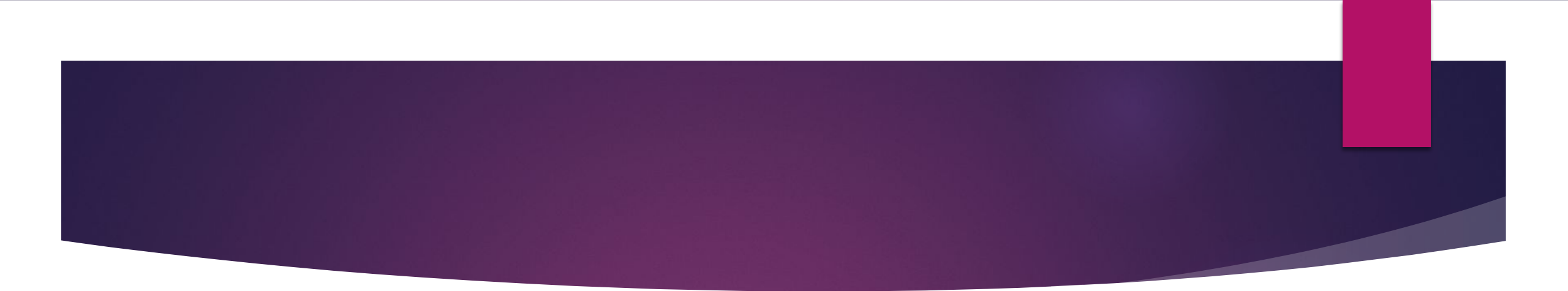
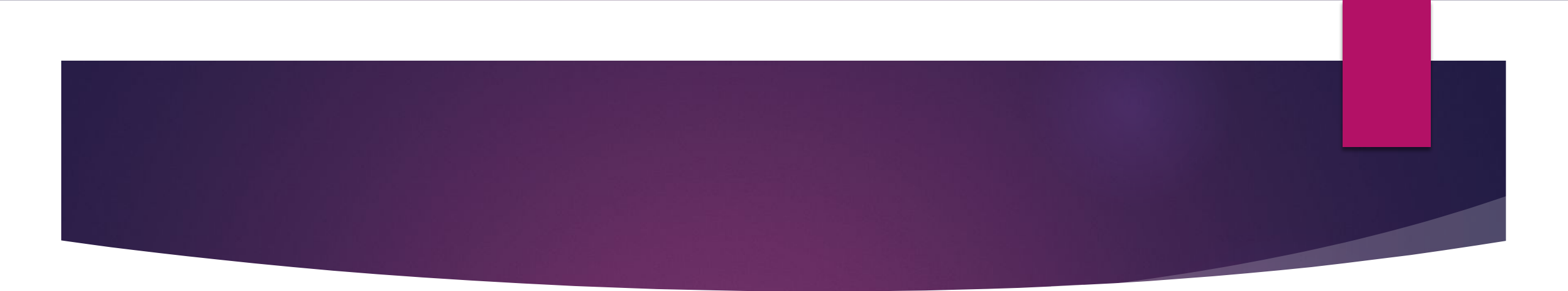


**Middle English period. The**  
**main historical events in ME**  
**period. The Norman**  
**Conquest**

# Effect of the Norman Conquest on the Linguistic Situation



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- ▶ The Norman conquerors of England originally come from Scandinavia. About one hundred and fifty years before they had seized the valley of the Seine and settled in what was henceforth known as Normandy. They were swiftly assimilated by the French and in the 11<sup>th</sup> c. came to Britain as French speakers and bearers of French culture.

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- ▶ **In the early 13<sup>th</sup> c. as a result of lengthy and inefficient wars with France John Lackland lost the French provinces including the dukedom of Normandy.**

**For almost three hundred years French was  
the official language of the administration**

**It was the language of the king's court**



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**The law courts**

**The church**

**The law courts**

**The army and the castle**

**The intellectual life, literature and education were in the hands of French-speaking people**

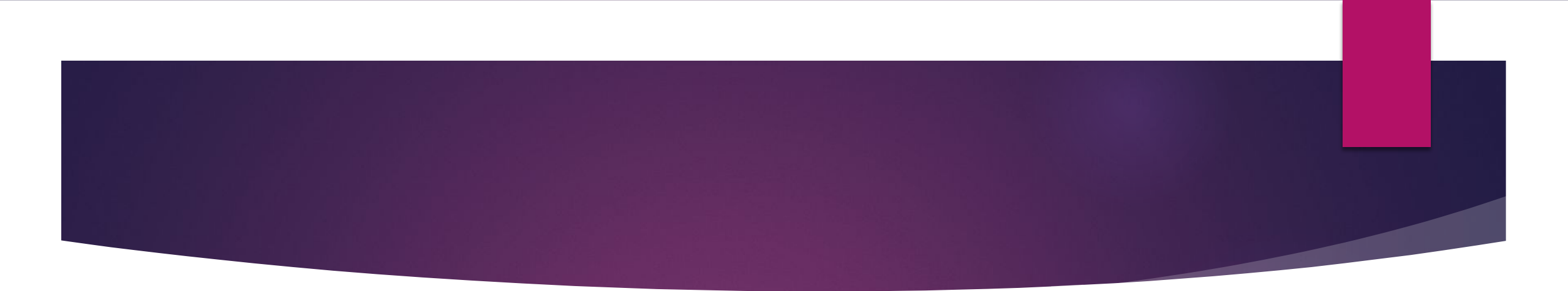


**Teaching was largely conducted in French**



**For all that England never stopped being an  
English-speaking country**





A good  
knowledge of  
French would  
mark a  
person giving  
him a social  
prestige



Thank you for your attention!!!

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QUESTIONS?



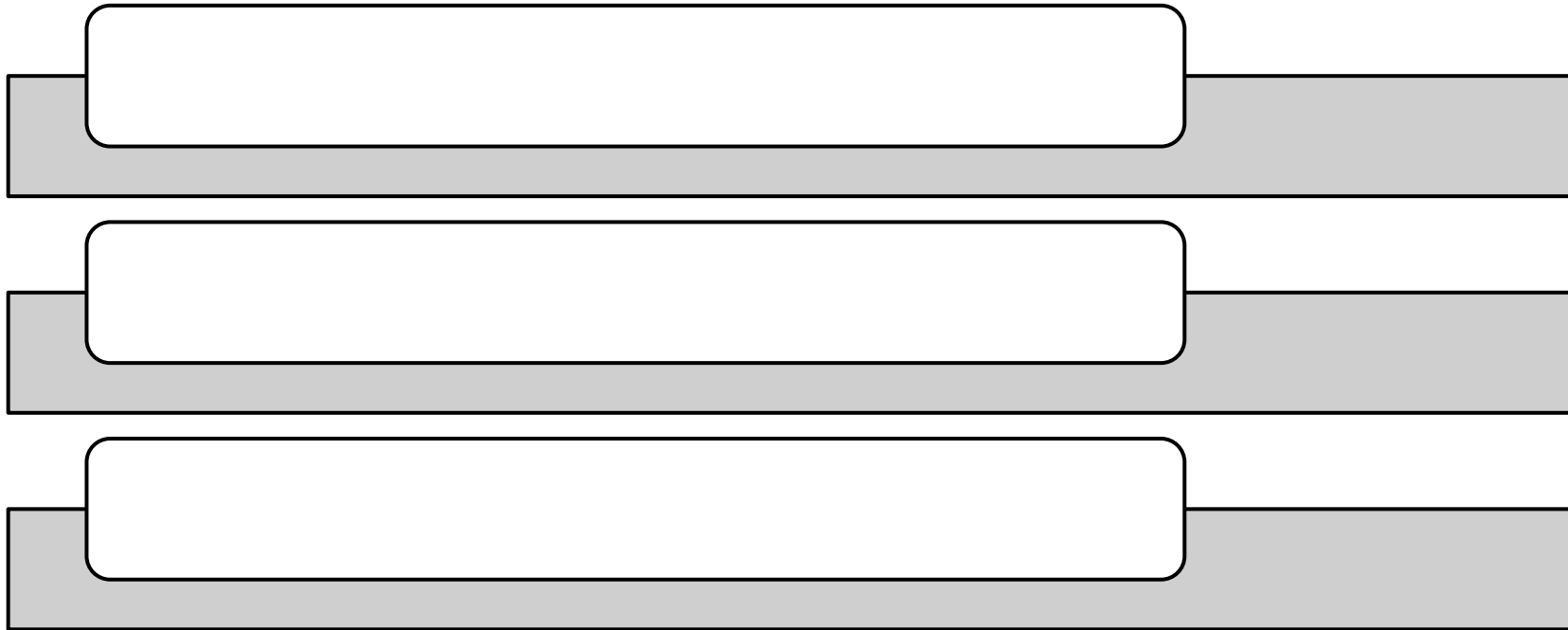
# The Norman Conquest was in ....?

1077

1066

1255

# The Norman conquerors of England come from ...?



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# French was the official language of ...?

**It was the language of the king's court**

**It was the language of science**

**It was the language of art**