

# **SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF BRITAIN: I MODULE I-EARLY HISTORY BRITISH ISLES**



**OATH OF SALISBURY 1086  
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- The oath of Salisbury – an event in 1086 when William I summoned his tenants in Chief and land owning men to Old Sarum where they swore allegiance to him.
- it was an important measure of William to assert his power over English and Norman aristocracy.
- The prime aim if this oath was to affirm the power and prestige of the sovereign.
- Through this oath William made “ all the landowning men of property all over England swear fealty to him.



- The oath was demanded at a time of crisis when William faced revolt and invasion
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- Scholars connect this incident with English Feudalism
- “ Striking Event “ as the formal introduction of feudalism.
- W. Stubbs denied this argument in his book Constitutional History of England.
- “ oath was an act of homage by all nobles and aristocrsts”