1066 BATTLE OF HASTINGS: WILLIAM'S FORTUNE GRAPH

Analyse the key stages in the Battle of Hastings on 14th October 1066. Evaluate William's fortunes at each stage and plot a mark on the fortune scale. Use the graph to identify the critical turning points in the battle.

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		Harold and William get into position and arrange their battle formations. Harold has the better position.	William and his men launch the first attack. They fire arrows into Harold's shield wall with little effect.	The left flank of William's army retreat when they hear a rumour that William has been killed.	William lifts his helmet and shows his face to his men. He calls out to them and tells them to keep fighting.	William's men launch a counter attack. They kill many of Harold's men who had given chase down the hill.	The battle reaches a stalemate. The shield wall still holds. So far none of William's tactics have resulted in a break through.	In the afternoon, William successfully uses the trick tactic of false retreat, twice! He is able to thin out the shield wall.	William launches his final assault. He tells his archers to fire high up the hill.	Harold is fatally wounded and William's men cut him down on the battlefield. Harold dies.

EVENTS: DAWN TO DUSK

