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As it turns out, the Norman Conquest was an 11th century invasion of England by a French nobleman, William II of Normandy. He raised a fleet and an army to depose the Anglo-Saxon king, Harold Godwinson. After William secured England under his rule, major parts of state and society tilted towards French sensibilities.

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Tombs is an academic historian, but not an academic historian of England. His specialty is France, and especially the century 1814-1914, a period of two empires, two monarchies, two republics, half a dozen wars, and the greatest supernova of artistic, literary, and musical talent in one city in the history of the world.

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