**source B. An entry from the *‘Libellus de Exordio’***

*“In the year of the Lord's incarnation 1018, while Cnut controlled the kingdom of the English, a comet appeared for 30 nights to the people of Northumbria, and with dread presage foreshowed the province's future disaster. For shortly after that is, after thirty days while they fought at Carham against an endless host of Scots, the entire people, from the river Tees to the Tweed, with their nobility, almost wholly perished. The bishop [Ealdhun], hearing of the lamentable slaughter of St Cuthbert's people, was smitten to the heart with deep grief ... after a few days, caught by disease, he died, after passing twenty-nine years in the episcopate.”*

The ***Libellus de exordio atque procursu istius, hoc est Dunhelmensis, ecclesie*** (Tract on the Origins and Progress of this the Church of Durham) is a series of historical writings composed and compiled in the 12th-century, attributed to Symeon of Durham.

* What can you learn from this source about The Battle of Carham?
* What can you infer from this source about The Battle of Carham?
* What impression does the source give of the battle?
* How does this source help us understand the results of The Battle of Carham?
* How useful is this source to an historian studying The Battle of Carham?
* How useful is this source to an historian studying 11th Century Northumberland?
* How useful is this source to an historian studying Bishop Ealdhun?
* Is this a valid interpretation of The Battle of Carham?
* How does this source help us to understand why the Northumbrians were defeated?
* What can you infer from this source about warfare in the 11th Century?
* Is this a valid interpretation of The Battle of Carham?
* What is the value of this source for an historian studying The Battle of Carham?