



Key dates

- 410 AD** – Roman rule in Britain ends.
- 449 - 550 AD** – Angles and Saxons invade.
- 455 -586 AD** – Kingdoms of Kent, Sussex, Wessex, Essex, Northumberland, East Anglia and Mercia formed.
- 597 AD** - St. Augustine came to England and introduced people to Christianity.
- 787 AD** – First recorded Viking attack.
- 793 AD** – Viking raid on Lindisfarne.
- 802 AD**- Egbert becomes first King of England
- 867-878 AD** – Series of big Viking victories.
- 871-899 AD** - Alfred the Great ruled.
- 1016-1035 AD** - Cnut the Great ruled as the first Viking king.
- 1066 AD** - The Battle of Hastings, resulting in the Normans defeating the Anglo-Saxons.

Key Vocabulary to learn

- AD** (Anno Domini) - “in the year of our Lord”. AD is used to show dates after the birth of Jesus.
- Chronology**—Time order ‘chronological order’
- Conflict** - A disagreement about something important.
- Conquer**—To get or gain by force : win by fighting
- Primary source**— is from the time of the event e.g. artefacts from Anglo-Saxon era
- Secondary source**—From a time after the era.
- Archaeology**—The study of the buildings, graves, tools and other objects that belonged to people who lived in the past, in order to learn about their culture and society
- Invasion**— One country attacking another to take it over
- Settlement**—A colony or any small community of people
- Unified**—a word that means being together. Kingdom A country whose ruler is a king or queen
- Runes** - Letters used in the Runic alphabet. This is how the Anglo-Saxons wrote.
- Pagan** - A person holding religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions. Someone who believes in many Gods.

Key questions

- What is the significance of Anglo-Saxons on English history?
- How effective were the Viking raids on Anglo-Saxon Britain?
- Can you imagine what it was like to live in an Anglo-Saxon village?
- How was the landscape and the environment affected by the decline of the Romans and the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons?
- Which geographical features did the Anglo-Saxon’s look for when establishing a settlement?
- What is your opinion—how great really was Alfred ‘the great’ ?

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