



# Knowledge Organiser: History - Anglo Saxons

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## I already know:

- \*How Britain became part of the Roman Empire.
- \*Why Boudicca rebelled against the Romans.
- \*What the Romans built after they settled in Britain.

## Key Vocabulary

<b>Angles</b>	Tribes from modern day Denmark.
<b>Christianity</b>	A religion based on the teachings of Jesus.
<b>missionary</b>	A person from a religion sent to spread the faith.
<b>Pagan</b>	A religion that involves worshipping many gods and goddesses.
<b>Picts</b>	Tribes originally from Scotland who were 'foul' and had a 'lust for blood'.
<b>Romans</b>	The <b>Romans</b> invaded and settled in Britain for over 400 years, starting with their first successful raid in 54 BC.
<b>Saxons</b>	German - Dutch tribes who settled in Britain from around 450 AD.
<b>Scots</b>	People from Ireland, who, like the <b>Picts</b> , were fierce and powerful fighters.



## Anglo-Saxon Overview

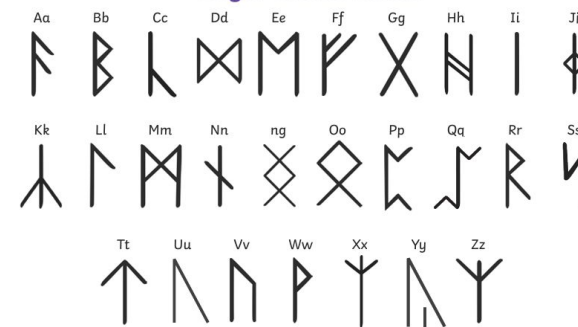
The kings of Anglo-Saxon Britain each ruled their own kingdom and the people in it. They also controlled their own army.

When the Anglo-Saxons first settled in Britain, there were seven other kingdoms. However, by AD 878, there was only one kingdom left; Wessex. The other kingdoms had been overrun by Vikings who established their own kingdoms.

## Useful web links

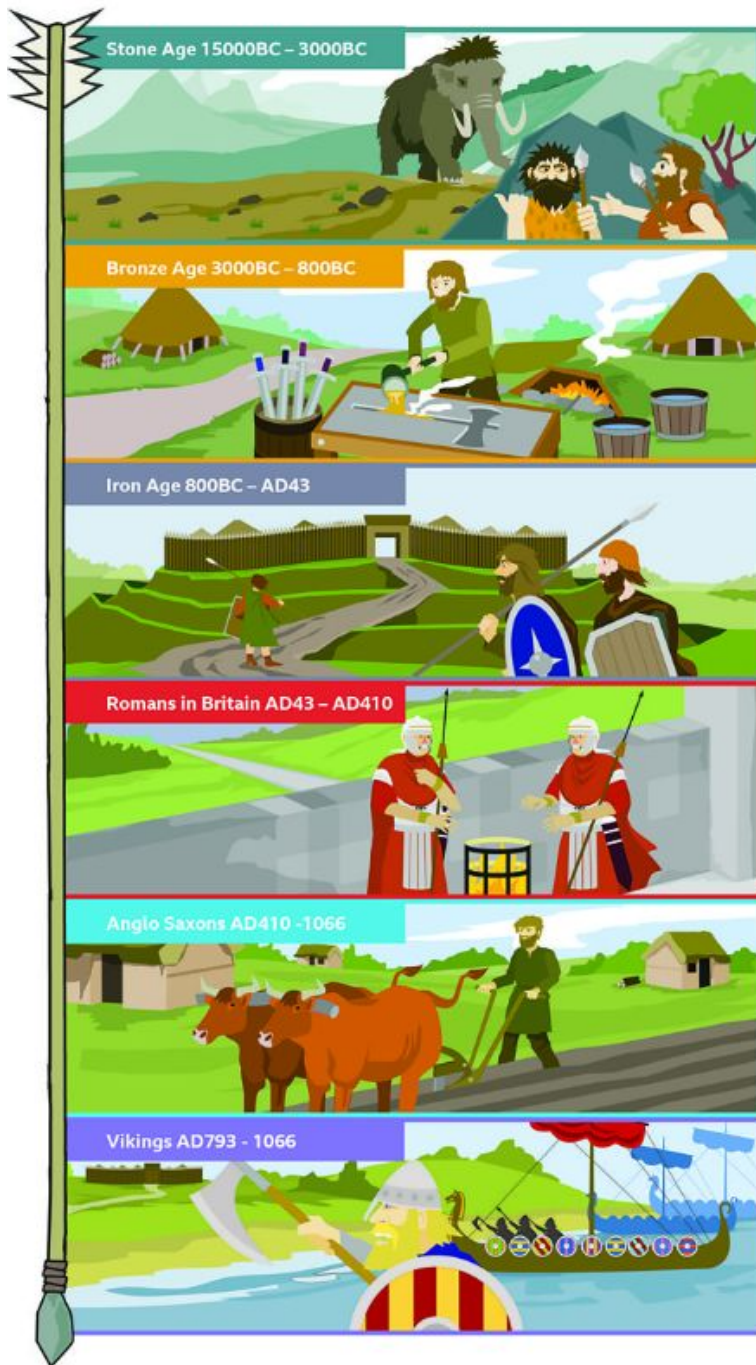
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zjxq96f>
- <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-hoo>

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## Anglo Saxon Timeline of Events

<p>AD 449</p> <p>Anglo Saxon invaders arrive in Britain.</p>	<p>AD 600</p> <p>Anglo Saxons gradually take over England.</p>	<p>AD 793</p> <p>The vikings attack from Norway.</p>	<p>AD 871</p> <p>Alfred the Great becomes King of Wessex.</p>	<p>AD 924</p> <p>Athelstan becomes the King of Wessex.</p>	<p>AD 937</p> <p>Athelstan defeats rebels in battle.</p>	<p>AD 939</p> <p>The vikings invade England and take back the north.</p>	<p>AD 1042</p> <p>Edward the Confessor becomes king.</p>	<p>AD 1066</p> <p>King Harold is killed in the Battle of Hastings.</p>
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## Where did the Anglo Saxons come from?

The last Roman soldiers left Britain by **AD410**. New people came to Britain in ships across the **North Sea** – the Anglo-Saxons. The Anglo-Saxon age in Britain was from around **AD410 to 1066**.



The Anglo-Saxons were never called 'Anglo-Saxons' in their own time. This is a modern phrase.

- The Anglo-Saxons were a mix of tribes from **Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands**.
- The three biggest were the **Angles**, the **Saxons** and the **Jutes**.
- The land they settled in became known as 'Angle-land', or **England**.
- They brought Germanic languages and new customs and dress.

If we use the modern names for the countries they came from, the **Saxons** were **German-Dutch**, the **Angles** were **Southern Danish**, and the **Jutes** were **Northern Danish**. They arrived over a number of decades.