

# A Kingdom United - Anglo Saxons

Sticky Knowledge

Year 5 History Autumn 1



**Who were the Anglo-Saxons and where did they originate from?**

The Anglo-Saxons were a mix of tribes from Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands.

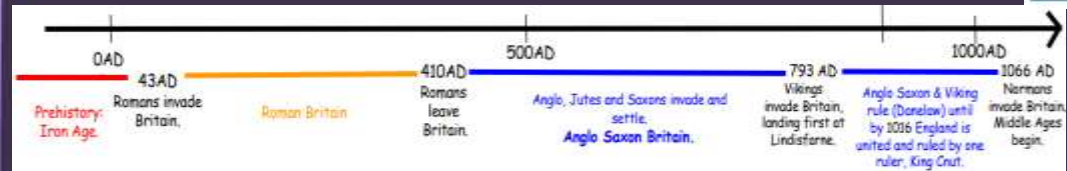
**How did the Saxons come to Britain?**

They came in long boats, made of wood.



**King Alfred the Great (849-899)**

Alfred was the ruler of Wessex, he united many of the Anglo Saxon Kingdoms against the Vikings and was able to bring peace. He built ships and fortified towns, introduced new laws and was known for his love of education. Alfred was the first person to be known as 'King of the English'.



- 1 Northumbria
- 2 Mercia
- 3 East Anglia
- 4 Wessex
- 5 Essex
- 6 Kent
- 7 Sussex

## Key Vocabulary

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<b>Angles, Jutes and Saxons</b>	The names of the people groups who came to settle in Britain after the Romans left, from Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands.
<b>Scots</b>	The people who lived in the area we now call western Scotland
<b>Picts</b>	The people who lived in the area we call now call northern Scotland.
<b>Invaders</b>	An unwelcome arrival of many people who come with force and may cause harm.
<b>Conquer</b>	To conquer is to take control of or to overcome.
<b>Wattle</b>	Small twigs or branches woven together to create the walls of houses.
<b>Daub</b>	A mixture of mud (or horse dung) and straw used to build houses
<b>Longships</b>	The boats built by the Vikings that were used to invade Britain
<b>Thatched</b>	A process of building a roof with dry straw, water reeds or palm branches.
<b>Gaelic</b>	The language spoken by the Scots.

**Why did the Saxons come to Britain?**

They came to fight with the Roman army and were given farmland as a reward.

**Describe a typical Anglo-Saxon village?**

An Anglo-Saxon village was a small settlement of wooden huts with straw roofs and one room.

**How did a typical Anglo-Saxon live?**

The villagers lived, ate, slept and socialised together. They were farmers who grew their own crops of wheat and barley.

**What is Sutton Hoo?**

Sutton Hoo is the site of the grave of an Anglo-Saxon king in Suffolk, England. It is the largest archaeological find of the Saxon period in Europe.