

Anglo-Saxons and Vikings - Knowledge Organiser

The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor

ANGLO- SAXONS

Key Events

- 410CE Roman army left England and Wales.
- Tribes began to raid southern Britain from Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands.
- Anglo-Saxons were ruled by warlords who split the country into seven different kingdoms.
- Anglo-Saxons were Pagans but converted to Christians.

Vocabulary

conquered	To take control of an area or country by force.
settlement	A place where people make their homes
pagan	To worship many gods.
archaeologist	A person who studies places and objects from the past
raid	A surprise attack

Key people



King Offa



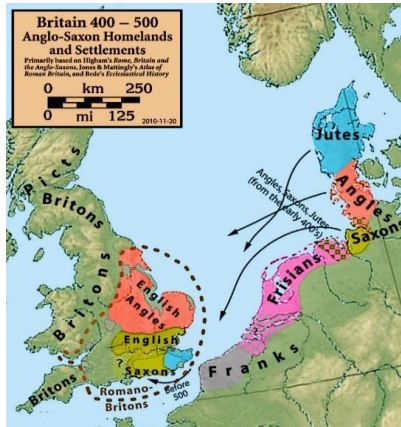
Saint Bede



King Alfred



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VIKINGS

Key Events

- Britain was split into 7 kingdoms in AD 660: Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Wessex, Sussex and Kent.
- The Vikings were invaders and settlers who came from the Scandinavian countries: Denmark, Sweden & Norway and travelled by longboats.
- The word "Viking" meant "pirate raid" in the Old Norse language.

Vocabulary

Monastery	A place where monks live.
Runes	Scripture or writing carved using tools, into stone, bone, wood and metal.
Scandinavia	An area in northern Europe that includes countries such as Norway, Sweden, Denmark.
Odin, Laki, Thor	The main Viking gods
Longboats	A type of Viking warship.

Key people



King Athelstan



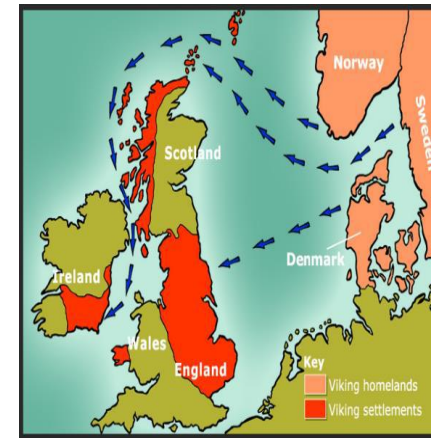
Edward the confessor



King Cnut



William the conqueror



TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS

410AD Romans leave Britain.	450 AD The Saxons row across the seas to invade Britain.	556AD Seven kingdoms created in England.	597AD Augustine began converting Anglo-Saxons to Christians.	793AD The Vikings raid the monastery on Lindisfarne and kill monks.	866AD Danes captured York (Jorvik) and rule there.	886AD Alfred the Great was King of Wessex.	927AD King Athelstan became first King of united England.	1016AD King Cnut became King of England.	1042AD Edward the Confessor became King of England.	1066AD Battle of Hastings William the Conqueror is crowned king	1100AD End of the Viking age.
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