

# The Anglo-Saxons

Enquiry Question: Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a dark age?

Key Vocabulary		Sticky Knowledge
Invasion		<p>Around 410 AD, the Roman army left Britain (many Romano-British people decided to stay). The Saxons had begun to carry out pirate raids even before the Romans had gone. Now they began to settle in the area.</p> <p>The Anglo-Saxons came from Denmark, Germany and Holland.</p> <p>Anglo-Saxons were made up of three tribes: the Angles, Saxons and Jutes.</p> <p>For a long time, England was not one country, Anglo-Saxon kings ruled lots of small kingdoms across the land.</p> <p>A large Anglo-Saxon burial mound was found at Sutton Hoo in Suffolk. There was the imprint of a 27-metre-long ship. In the centre, there was a ruined burial chamber and treasures including silverware, gold jewellery and an iron helmet.</p> <p>The Staffordshire hoard was discovered by a metal detectorist in 2009 (in Staffordshire). It is the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever discovered.</p> <p>The Lindisfarne Gospels and Bede's History of England are two written sources that tell us about Anglo-Saxon life.</p> <p>Beowulf is an epic poem set in Scandinavia. It gives us a great deal of information about the Anglo-Saxon people, including how much they liked stories and how they regarded their warriors as heroes. It provides information about their weapons and many things they did in everyday life.</p>
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