

Anglo Saxons!



Timeline

410 AD	449-550 AD	556 AD	597 AD
Romans leave England and the shores are unprotected	Arrival of the Jutes, Angles and Saxons	Seven kingdoms are created	Augustine brings Christianity to Britain from Rome.



Famous Figures

Augustine

A Roman monk who was sent to Britain to persuade the Britons to become Christians. After his death, he was made a saint.

Key Vocabulary

invaders	People who enter an area and take control of it by force
kingdom	An area ruled by a king or queen.
Angles	Tribes from an area today known as modern day Denmark that settled in Britain from around AD 450. They were one of the tribes that became known as the first Anglo-Saxons.
Saxons	A tribe from the north coast of Europe, especially Germany, that settled in Britain from around AD 450. They were one of the tribes that became known as the first Anglo-Saxons.
Picts	Tribes originally from Scotland who were often feared.
Scots	People from Ireland who, like the Picts, were fierce and powerful fighters.
Settlement	A place where people make a community.



General Knowledge

Romans leave Britannia (Britain)

By AD 410, the last of the Romans had left Britain making them vulnerable to invasion. The warriors that invaded became known as the first Anglo-Saxons. Most of Britain was divided into **seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms**. The **Picts** and **Scots** were a constant threat without Roman support.

What was life in Anglo- Saxon Britain like?

Anglo-Saxons preferred to live in small villages. Anglo-Saxon influence can be seen in place names in Britain today. **Wessex** was a place named after the **West Saxons** who settled there. Sussex was named after the South Saxons.

Paganism and Christianity

The religion of the early Anglo-Saxons was Paganism. They worshipped many gods. They would perform many rituals that they believed would protect them in this life and the next. At the end of this period, Christianity became the main religion in Britain. Many Christian places of worship were built at this time. Canterbury Cathedral was founded by Augustine. .

Did you know?

Early Anglo-Saxon villages were named after the leader of the tribe, so everyone knew who was in charge.