

History—Year 4—Who were the Anglo Saxons and Vikings and why did they invade and settle in Britain?

Key Knowledge



- There was a long struggle between the Anglo Saxons and Vikings for the Kingdom of England.
- Anglo Saxons came from northern Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands. Some came to fight, some came peacefully to find land to farm.
- Britain was divided into 7 Kingdoms in 556AD
- Anglo Saxon society had a king, thanes, ceorls and slaves. Women were treated differently to men.
- Anglo Saxons worshipped different Gods but many converted to Christianity. St Augustine brought Christianity to Britain.
- The first Viking raid was around 789AD. The Vikings came from Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden and Denmark)
- Viking society had a king, Jarls, Karls and thralls
- The Vikings invaded Lindisfarne in 793AD.
- Alfred The Great was an Anglo Saxon King, he fought the Vikings then made peace. He introduced Danelaw.

Key People



King Alfred the Great - Alfred did a lot of great things for England including defeating the Vikings in several battles and keeping part of England under Anglo-Saxon rule.



Key Places



Under Anglo-Saxon rule Britain was divided into 7 kingdoms.



Vocabulary



century	settlement	social class
evidence	trade	defeat
artefact	migration	
compare	monarch	
contrast	Kingdom	
similarity	Anglo Saxons	
difference	Vikings	
argument	Danelaw	
invader	longboat	
conquer	monastery	
raider	Christianity	

Themes— Legacy and Change. Monarchy. Democracy. Trade. War and Invasion. Diversity and Equality.

Timeline of Key Events



