

History Focus:	Who were the Anglo Saxons and why were they important?	Year: 4
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(Key Vocabulary / Spellings)

Anglo Saxons	runes	Scots	invaders	Battle of Hastings
Battle of Stamford Bridge	14th October 1066	Dornwaraceaster	Jutes	Angles

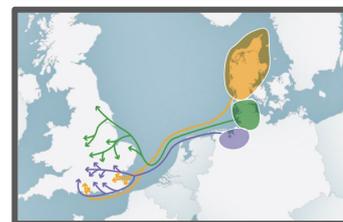
(Key Knowledge)

Who were the Anglo Saxons?

Where did the Anglo Saxons come from and settle.	Scots lived in Scotland and they always wanted to invade England so the King of England invited the Jutes to help, they wanted England for themselves so they invaded along with the Angles and Saxons from Northern Europe.
How did the Anglo Saxons change Britain.	Anglo Saxon words have influenced place names and days of the week in Britain. Dorchester was once named Dornwaraceaster. The Anglo-Saxons also brought their own religious beliefs but converted most of the country to Christianity.

Days of the Week

- Monandaeg (Moon's Day)
- Tiwesdaeg (Tiw's day -Scandinavian sky god)
- Wodnesdaeg (Woden's day - chief god)
- Dunresdaeg (Thor's Day- god of thunder)
- Frigedaeg (Freya's Day-Woden's wife)
- Saeternsdaeg (Saturn's Day- Roman God)
- Sunnandaeg (Sun's Day-Day of the Sun)



How do we know about the Anglo Saxons?

What evidence can we use to find out about the Anglo Saxons?	Anglo-Saxons were often buried with their possessions. The objects we have found in graves have provided us with evidence of the different jobs done by men and women. Their Jewelry they wore was also buried so we can see they were great craftsmen.
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What was life like for Anglo Saxons?

What were settlements like in Saxon times?	Anglo Saxons didn't adopt the roman style of living so they made their own settlements. We know what they look like because of excavations of the sites. The most famous of all Anglo-Saxon sites in England, is Sutton Hoo. Anglo Saxons had a very clear class system with the King at the top and slaves at the bottom.
How were the Saxons defeated?	The Anglo Saxons were defeated at the battle of Hastings in 1066. The battle was between Harold Godwinson - King of Anglo Saxons 2 other kings wanted to contest his rule they were William, Duke of Normandy (from France) And Harald Hardrada of Norway. They clashed in 2 battles the Battle of Stamford Bridge and finally on 14th October 1066 The Battle of Hastings. This is documented in the Bayeaux tapestry.

