

Knowledge Organiser -Anglo-Saxons and Scots

The Anglo-Saxons were a group of people who came to Britain from northern Europe, mainly from what is now Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands, starting around the 4th century. They formed kingdoms and ruled most of England for many centuries. The Anglo-Saxons were known for their farming, crafts, and warriors. They were looking for new land to settle on and farm as the regular flooding in mainland Europe made farming difficult. The Anglo-Saxons divided Britain into 7 kingdoms. The kingdoms were Northumbria, Essex, Sussex, East Anglia, Mercia, Kent and Wessex. The Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain for four different reasons. They wanted to fight, to farm, they felt invited and also wanted new homes.

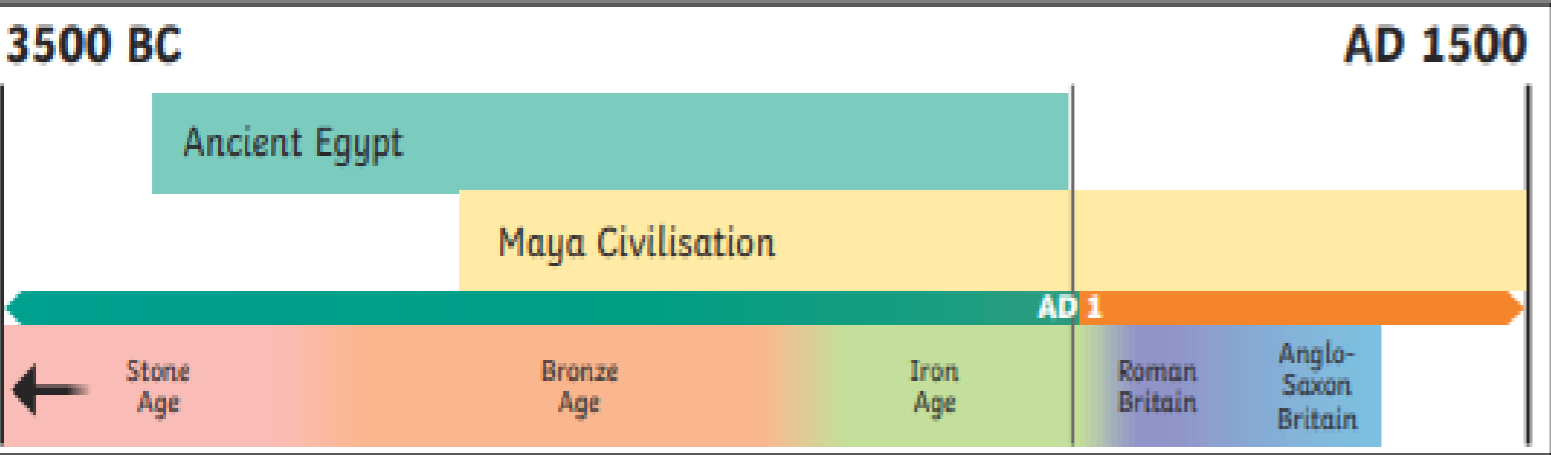
How did the Anglo- Saxons look like?



Timeline of the Anglo- Saxons

Key Vocabulary

1	Angles	Tribes from an area today known as modern day Denmark that settled in Britain from around AD 450.
2	Saxons	A tribe from the north coast of Europe, especially Germany, that settled in Britain from around AD 450
3	Invaders	People who enter an area and take control of it by force.
4	Kingdom	An area ruled by a king or queen.
5	Pagan	Someone who worships many gods and goddesses.
6	Christianity	A religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.
7	Jutes	Tribes from an area today known as modern day Netherlands that settled in Britain.



Who was Alfred the great?

Alfred the great was one of the most famous Anglo-Saxon kings was Alfred, one of the only kings in British history to be called 'Great'. His father was king of Wessex, but by the end of Alfred's reign his coins referred to him as 'King of the English'. He fought the Vikings and then made peace so that English and Vikings settled down to live together. He encouraged people to learn and he tried to govern fairly