

Year 5: What happened when the Romans left Britain?

Stone Age - 15000 BC to 2500 BC

Bronze Age - 3000 BC to 800 BC

Iron Age - 800 BC to 43 AD

Romans - 43 AD to 410 AD

Anglo-Saxons - 410 AD to 1066 AD

Vikings - AD 793 to AD 1066

Knowledge

The Romans left Britain in 410 AD because the city of Rome was under attack and the Empire was falling apart, so the Romans had to leave to take care of matters back home.

After they left, the country fell into chaos. Native tribes and foreign invaders battled each other for power. Many of the Roman towns in Britain crumbled away as people went back to living in the countryside.



But even after they were gone, the Romans left their mark all over the country. They gave us new towns, plants, animals, a new religion and ways of reading and counting. Even the word 'Britain' came from the Romans.

Without the Romans defending Britain, the Anglo-Saxons invaded from the North Sea and landed on Angle-land. This later became England. Many Anglo-Saxons were peaceful farmers and built homes.

Vocabulary

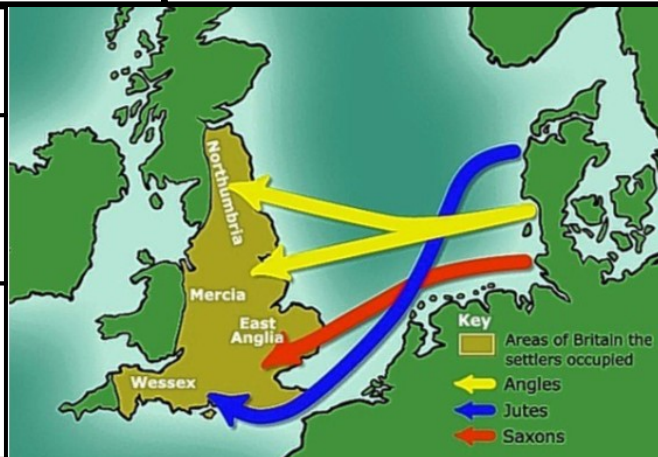
Anglo-Saxon Chronicle	A record of events that happened during Anglo-Saxon times.
Bede	One of the greatest writers and teachers in the Middle Ages.
Beowulf	An old English epic poem with 3,182 alliterative lines.
Christianity	The religion that believes Jesus Christ is the son of God.
chronology	The study of events in history or time.
Churl	A man of the lowest rank.
consequence	The outcome of something happening.
Empire	A group of lands or countries ruled by an emperor.
farming	The production of food by harvesting plants and animals.
fines	Pay money or give up possessions due to breaking the law.
kingdom	A state or government with a King or Queen as their leader.
law and order	Follow the rules or face the consequences.
laws	The rules set by the country.
Lindisfarne Gospels	A religious book written by a monk called Eadfrith.
Mercia	One of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms.
monastery	A building where people worshipped God.
Northumbria	Early medieval Anglo-Saxon Kingdom.
Saxon, Jute, Angle	One of the three groups who conquered England in AD 410.
significance	How important something is.
Sutton Hoo	The site of two early medieval cemeteries.
Thane	Helps the King rule the land.
tribe	A group of people, families or villages.
Viking	The Vikings were known for piracy, trading and raiding.
Vortigern	Means 'Great Chief'.
Woden	Woden was the king of the Gods.

Check out these videos on Anglo-Saxons:

Who were the Anglo-Saxons?



When did the Anglo-Saxons come to Britain?



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