

History

Theme: Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Year 5/6



Key Vocabulary

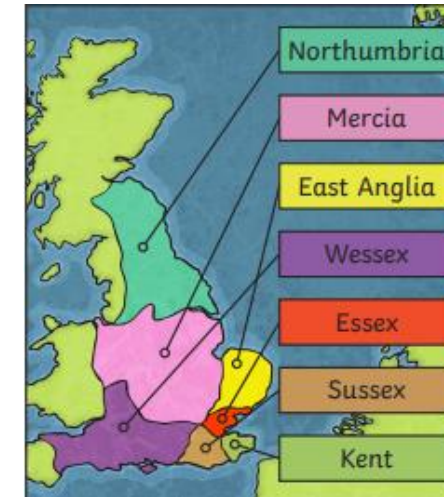
Key Knowledge and facts

Key Maps

WORD	DEFINITION
Artefact	An object that is made by a person, such as a tool or a decoration, especially one that is of historical interest.
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.
Invaders	People who enter an area and take control of it by force.
Kingdom	An area ruled by a king or queen.
Pagan	Someone who follows the Paganism religion and worships many gods and goddesses.
Christianity	A religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

- The Vikings came from the modern Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
- They travelled in boats called longships and first arrived in Britain around AD 787.
- The Vikings raided places such as monasteries and pillaged expensive items to trade. They were looking for valuable goods like gold and jewels, imported foods and other useful materials.
- The Vikings also wanted to claim land and tried to take over much of Britain. They invaded and settled in Scotland before heading south to places such as York. By AD 878 the Vikings had settled permanently in Britain.
- The kings of Anglo-Saxon Britain each ruled their own kingdom and the people in it. They fought to defend their kingdom or take control of other kingdoms.
- When the Anglo-Saxons first settled in Britain, there were seven kingdoms, but by AD 878 there was just one kingdom left (Wessex) as the others had been overrun by the Vikings. Many Anglo-Saxon kings tried to resist the Vikings and fought hard to keep control of their land.
- King Alfred the Great was the best-known Anglo-Saxon king and the first to defeat the Vikings in battle.

The seven kingdoms in Britain



Viking life



Anglo-Saxon life

