

History: What impact did the Anglo Saxons and Vikings have on Britain?

Sticky Knowledge

## **Key Knowledge**

Anglo Saxons lived in Britain from approximately AD410 until the Norman conquest in 1066.

From approximately AD700 Vikings began invading Britain in longboats.

Anglo-Saxons and Vikings both lived in English together for around 200 years without any real battles.

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.

Both were invaders who came to England to find land and resources.

The basis of the English language comes from Anglo-Saxons.

Anglo-Saxon kingdoms formed the basis of our counties.

Vikings formed early cities such as Dublin and York.



A map of Anglo-Saxon kingdoms

Northumbria

A replica of a
Saxon village.

Mercia

East Anglia

Wessex

Essex

Kent

Sussex



## **Key Vocabulary**

	AD	Anno Domini – Latin for 'year of our Lord'. It shows how many years since the birth of Christ. This year is 2021AD.
	Anglo-Saxon	Settlers in England from Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands.
	Viking	People originating from Denmark, Sweden and Norway.
	invade	To enter and occupy land.
	kingdom	An area ruled by a king
	settlement	A place that has been occupied by a group of people or a community.
	pillage	To violently steal
	raid	A surprise attack
	pagan	A religion where many gods and goddesses are worshiped.
	exile	To be sent away. To be banished from a particular place.
	Danegeld	'Paying the Dane'. King Etherlred paid the Vikings in silver to prevent them invading but they kept invading anyway.



An Anglo-Saxon village