

Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?



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Key Questions:

- Where did the Anglo-Saxon invaders come from?
- Why did the Anglo-Saxons want to settle in Britain?
- How was Anglo-Saxon Britain ruled?
- What was life like in an Anglo-Saxon village?
- What were Anglo-Saxon warriors like?
- How important was religion to the Anglo-Saxons?

What should I already know?

- The Anglo-Saxon age is a period in history.
- The Romans had settled in Britain and ruled for 400 years.

Key Facts

Lesson 1	→ Why do people leave countries? - overcrowded - conflict - not enough food or water → Anglo-Saxons came after the Romans left Britain
Lesson 2	Sutton Hoo → a series of burial mounds discovered by archaeologists in Suffolk. One mound contained a ship possibly for safe passage to the Afterlife.
Lesson 3	Staffordshire Hoard - different theories as to why these 400 artefacts were buried. Items made from gold, silver and intricately carved. Belonged to king at time possibly.
Lesson 4	Anglo-Saxon villages were well-organised with: a meeting hall, houses with thatched roofs, fences, an area for crops and animal enclosures.
Lesson 5	Was the Anglo-Saxon period a 'Dark Age'? - Yes - not much remains from the period, lots of fighting, not as sophisticated as Romans. No - organised tribes, poetry, farming, burials, religion, rulers.
Lesson 6	Forest school session
Lesson 7	