

Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?



Woodchester Endowed Church of England (VA) Primary School

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

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| Lesson 1 | Who were the Anglo-Saxons, Settled around 410 AD. Why did they settle in England? Romans invited Anglo-Saxons over. |
| Lesson 2 | Sutton Hoo - great find. Archaeological evidence can tell us about the past, but doesn't answer every question. |
| Lesson 3 | Staffordshire Hoard - Lots of precious items made with gold, silver. Some materials traced to Indian origins - tells us A-S travelled. |
| Lesson 4 | Anglo-Saxon village - well planned communities, water source, live-stock, suitable space, settlement position. |
| Lesson 5 | Archaeological evidence can help us to answer questions - there are limitations and questions that still remain. |
| Lesson 6 | Forest school - tools for cooking and use in community. Communities needed to have sustainable means of living. |
| Lesson 7 | |