



# History Knowledge Organiser

## How did The Anglo Saxons and Vikings impact Britain?



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Year 5

Anglo Saxons



The Anglo-Saxons were a group of farmer-warriors who lived in Britain over a thousand years ago.

Vikings



The Vikings were fierce warriors from Scandinavia, an area in Northern Europe. They were most powerful in the years 790–1100 CE.

Seven Kingdoms



In Anglo-Saxon England, prior to invasion by the Vikings, the land was divided into 7 main Kingdoms.

Danelaw



Danelaw is an 11th-century name for an area of Northern and Eastern England under the control of Danish Viking empire.

King Alfred the Great



Alfred the Great (849-899) was the most famous of the Anglo-Saxon kings.

Norman invasion



The Normans invaded England in 1066 because they wanted to have a Norman king in England after the Anglo-Saxon king died.

### Vocabulary Tier 2

- Invasion
- Dark Ages
- Overpopulated
- Settlement
- Colonise
- Chieftain
- Monasteries
- Longboats

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 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.

### Vocabulary Tier 3

- Vikings
- Anglo Saxons
- Drakkars
- Runes
- Seven Kingdoms
- Lindisfarne
- Danelaw
- Treaty of Wedmore
- Battle of Hastings

