

Anglo-Saxons, Scots and Vikings: Who occupied Britain from AD 450 - AD 1066?



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What did the Anglo-Saxons leave?



Coins

Helmets

Brooch

What was a typical Anglo-Saxon village like?

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Substantive Concepts

invasion



settlement



slave



Vocabulary

Anglo-Saxons	The descendants of three different Germanic Peoples – the Angles, Saxons and Jutes.
Scots	People from Ireland that invaded (what is now called) Scotland
Vikings	Scandinavian (Norwegian, Danish, Swedish) warriors
pillaged	To take money or goods using violence
conquest	To take control of a place by military force.
monk	A member of a religious community of men.
archaeology	The study of history through excavations and artefact analysis.

Sutton Hoo

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Why did the Vikings invade Britain?

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What was Viking life like in Britain?

The letters of the Viking alphabet were called Runes. The spoke 'Old Norse'. Most Vikings lived on farms and grew their own crops. The Viking's chief god was called Odin.

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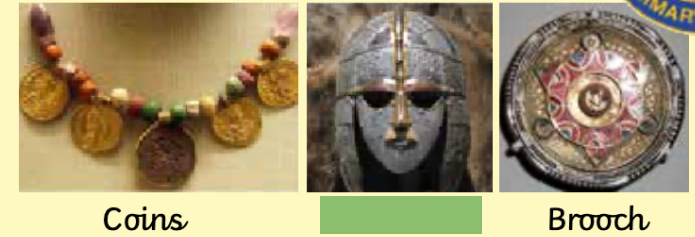
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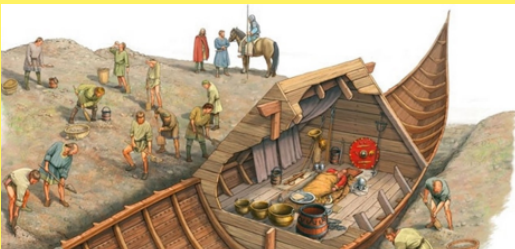


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