

How did the Anglo-Saxon invasion impact Britain?

History big ideas

Legacy

Invasion

Hidden Figure - Hadrian of Canterbury

Hadrian of Canterbury was an early English monk who helped spread knowledge and led Canterbury's school.



Key Learning

- The Anglo Saxons were a group of people from Germany and Denmark who invaded and settled in Britain during the decline of Roman rule.
- Before the invasion of the Saxons, Britain was not united; it was split into different, separately ruled, territories.
- The Saxons invaded Britain for a variety of push and pull factors. For example: to utilise the landscape and fertile soil for farming and internal conflicts in their homelands.
- Due to how long ago the Saxons invaded and the materials they used to build, there are very few sources available to tell us about Saxon life.
- The Anglo Saxons settled mostly in the East and South of Britain because they had everything they needed to live comfortably.
 - Anglo Saxons were Pagans; however, Christian missionaries travelled to Saxon lands and began converting them to Christianity. This led to the spread of Christianity around most of Britain.
 - King Alfred the Great was a Saxon king who defended Britain from Viking invasion and negotiated peace. He also created The Law Code and translated many important books into a language that everyone in his Kingdom could understand.

Key historical concepts

Significance



Change and continuity



Cause and consequence



Timeline

410 AD	Roman army leaves Britain.
449AD	Angles and Saxons first arrive in Britain.
590-700AD	Anglo-Saxons convert to Christianity.
787AD	Viking invasions begin.
1066AD	The Norman Conquest.



Key vocabulary

Legacy	Something that is handed down from one period of time to another period of time.
Invasion	To enter without permission or with force.
Angles	Tribes from modern day Denmark.
Saxons	German - Dutch tribes who settled in Britain from around 450 AD.
Missionary	A person from a religion sent to spread the faith.
Pagan	A religion that involves worshipping many gods and goddesses.
Picts	Tribes originally from Scotland who were 'foul' and had a 'lust for blood'.
Settlement	A place people move to live in.



Historical Concepts - Our Learning Journey

Reception

Legacy - Nursery rhymes, Memory box
Invasion - Nursery rhymes

Year 1/2

Legacy - Write brothers, Toys, Great Fire of London
Invasion - Castles

Year 3/4

Legacy - Romans, Ancient Greece, Anglo-Saxons
Invasion - Romans, Vikings, Anglo-Saxons

Year 5/6

Legacy - Islam, Mayans
Invasion - Benin

