







_England (Europe)

Timeline									
410	497	575	586	597	757	793	871	1016	1066
Romans left	The kingdom	The kingdom	The	St	Offa King of	Vikings	Alfred	Canute the	Battle of
Britain	of Wessex is	of East Anglia	Kingdom of	Augustine	Mercia declares	attack	the	Great rules	Hastings
leaving it	formed	was formed	Mercia is	introduces	himself King of	Lindisfarne	Great	as first	Normans defeat
unguarded			formed	Christianity	England		rules	Viking	the Saxons

Key Vocabulary Tribes from an area today known as modern day Denmark that settled in Britain from around AD 450. They were one of the tribes that became known as the first Anglo-Saxons.

Christianitu

Saxons	A tribe from the north coast of Europe, especially Germany, that settled in Britain from around AD 450. They were one of the tribes that became known as the first Anglo-Saxons.				
Picts	Tribes originally from Scotland who were often feared.				
Scots	People from Ireland who, like the Picts, were fierce and powerful fighters.				
invaders	People who enter an area and take control of it by force.				
kingdom	An area ruled by a king or queen.				
Pagan	Someone who follows the Paganism religion and worships many gods and goddesses.				
Christianitu	A religion based on the teachings of				

Jesus Christ.

General Knowledge

Where did the Anglo-Saxons come from?

The Romans left Britain in 410 due to fierce tribes attacking Italy and every soldier was needed back at home to defend the country. Without an army of its own, it left the country vulnerable to attackers. The Anglo-Saxons came from Denmark, Netherlands and northern Germany across the North Sea in wooden boats. The conquered England but failed to conquer Scotland, Wales and Cornwall (an area of south-west England).

Christian Places of Worship

Many Christian places of worship were built at this time. Canterbury Cathedral was founded by Augustine. It was rebuilt from AD 1070 after a fire. A monastery was built on the island of Lindisfarne. This Holy Island was very influential and the monks here were successful at spreading Christianity across the north of England.

A famous Anglo-Saxon archaeological site is Sutton Hoo, where a whole ship was used as a grave! An Anglo-Saxon king was buried inside the ship along with some of his possessions, such as his helmet and

Famous Figures <u>St Augustine (c.530-604)</u>

Frankish

Augustine of Canterbury was a Christian missionary sent from Rome to convert people from Anglo-Saxon paganism to Christianity. He was considered to be responsible for the widespread adoption of the Christian faith throughout England.

King Aethelbert (c.550-616)

King of Kent who created the first Germanic law code in the early 7th Century and became the first English king to convert to Christianity due to Augustine's mission to convert people from paganism.

King Offa (c730-796)

King of Mercia, and of most of England in the mid-8th Century. Historians regard him as the most powerful Anglo-Saxon king until Alfred the Great.

King Alfred the Great (849-899)

Fought the Vikings and defeated them in the Battle of Edington (878) and thus made an agreement with them (Danelaw). He was known for improving the standard of living, legal and military systems as well as education.

