

Inquiry Knowledge Organiser

Did the Anglo-Saxons make Britain a better or worse place to live?



What should I already know?

- The Roman Empire had control over Britain from 43AD
- Rome controlled Britain through military force, developing new towns and cities and taxing local tribes
- Hadrian's Wall was built in 122 AD to mark the northern boundary of Roman control



Roman Empire 400AD

Vocabulary

Angles, Saxons and Jutes	The names of the people groups who came to settle in Britain after the Romans left, from Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands.
AD	Anno Domini - "in the year of our Lord". Used to show dates after the birth of Jesus Christ
Christianity	A religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.
Conquer	To conquer is to take control of or to overcome.
Invasion	An unwelcome arrival of a large number of people who usually come with force and may cause harm
Kingdom	A country or territory ruled by a king or queen.
Paganism	A religion that worships many gods and goddesses.
Picts	Tribes originally from Scotland.
Scots	Tribes originally from Ireland.
Settler	People who migrate to a new place
Wessex	One of the biggest and most powerful of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms.



The 7 Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms

What will I know by the end of the unit?

By 410AD, the last of the Romans left Britain leaving it vulnerable to attack.

The warriors of the Scot and the Pict tribes were a constant threat without Roman military force.

The Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain from North-West Europe.

Most of Britain was divided into 7 Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. The Kingdom of Wessex was one of the most powerful.

The Anglo-Saxons brought their way of life to Britain including a focus on farming, kinship and feudal society.

The early Anglo-Saxons were pagans but many later converted to Christianity.

