

# Saxons and Vikings

## Timeline (Chronology of Events)

AD 410	AD 450	793 AD	867-878 AD	876 AD	886 AD	1066 AD
The <b>Romans</b> leave Britain.	<b>Angles, Saxons</b> and Jutes invade England and <b>settle</b> on the south and east coast. The <b>invaders</b> claimed England as their own and divided it into 7 kingdoms.	The <b>Viking invasion</b> of Britain begins. Viking <b>raid</b> on Lindisfarne.	Series of big <b>Viking</b> victories across Britain, including the capture of York.	<b>Vikings</b> decide to permanently settle in Britain. The <b>Vikings</b> and <b>Anglo-Saxons</b> continue to <b>struggle</b> for the Kingdom of England.	<b>Anglo-Saxon King Alfred</b> puts up a strong <b>resistance</b> against the <b>Vikings</b> and then <b>negotiates</b> with them so they are allowed to settle in Eastern England.	Battle of Hastings takes place and <b>William the Conqueror</b> is crowned King.

### Who were the Anglo- Saxons?

After the last **Roman** soldiers left Britain in 410AD new people came in ships across the North Sea, they were called the **Anglo Saxons**. They were a mix of tribes from Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands. The land they settled in became known as 'Angleland' or England. They divided it into seven kingdoms; each was ruled by a king.



### Who were the Vikings?

The **Vikings** were people who sailed from Scandinavia (Denmark, Sweden and Norway) and raided villages in parts of Northern Europe from the 8th to 11th centuries. The Vikings sailed over on longboats and took over the land. The name 'Viking' also means a pirate raid.



### Vocabulary

**invade** – To enter by force and take over land.

**raid** – To suddenly enter by force to steal things.

**settle** – To always live somewhere.

**negotiate** – To talk about a problem in order to solve it.

**struggle** – To try hard to do something, even though other people or things may be making it difficult for you to succeed.

**resistance** - To fight back against people who have attacked you.

**historical sources** – Where our knowledge of the past comes from.