

Knowledge Organiser - Invaders! Anglo-Saxons

Top 5 Facts

1. The Anglo-Saxons were made up of three tribes who came to England across the North Sea: the Angles, the Saxons and the Jutes.
2. England wasn't ruled as one country for most of this period; it was lots of little kingdoms.
3. Anglo-Saxons began as pagans, however many converted to Christianity after the arrival of St. Augustine in the 7th century.
4. Around 70% of our modern English words come from Anglo-Saxon language (Old English), including the days of the week and the word England.
5. Sutton Hoo is the site of an undisturbed ship burial, dating from the 6th to 7th centuries.

Key Vocabulary

Angles	People from Germany who invaded Britain around 410 A.D.
Anglo-Saxon	The name given to people who travelled from Germany and South Denmark and settled in Britain
Christianity	The religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ
migration	Movement from one place to another in order to settle there
pagan	A person who follows a religion that is not a major religion
runes	Alphabet consisting of between 26-33 letters used to write Old English
settler	People who migrate to a new place. When people start a community, this is a settlement
thatch	The craft of building a roof with dry vegetation such as reeds and straw
wattle-and-daub	The weaving of small wooden branches with mud, straw, horse hair and dung to create walls

