

# Was the Anglo-Saxon period a 'Dark Age'?

Unit Vocabulary – Join them up with the correct definition once you have learned it,

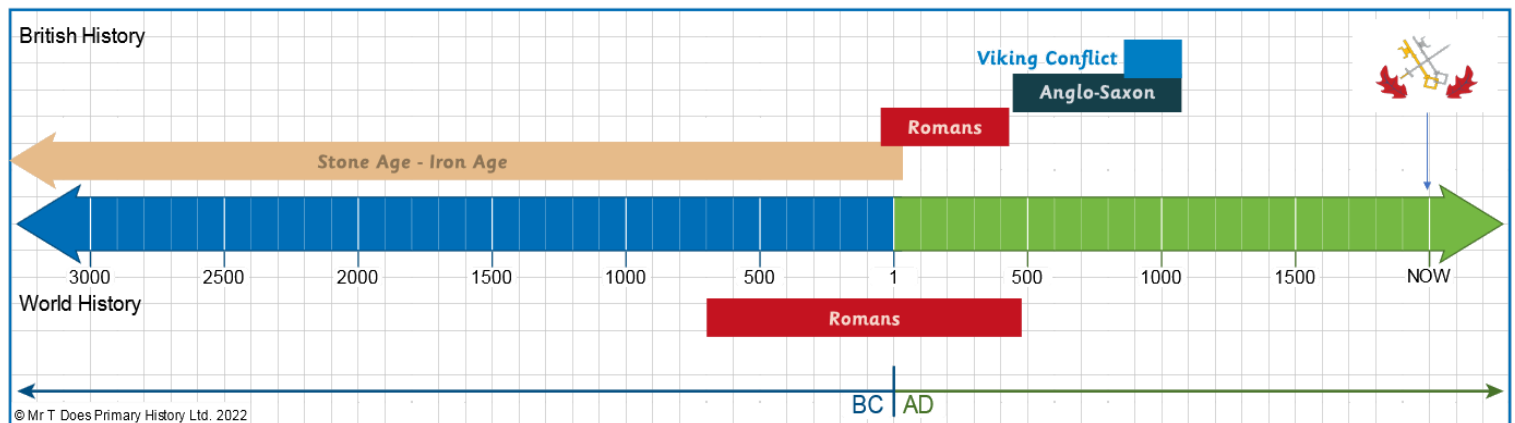
Angles, Saxons and Jutes
Paganism
Monarch
Danelaw
Medieval
Kingdom
Divided
Invaded
Conquered
Voyage
Heptarchy

Gaining or acquiring by force.
The three tribes that made up the first Anglo-Saxons; they came from different parts of Germany and Denmark.
Splitting an area or object into different parts.
A journey to a distant or unknown place.
The seven Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms.
A religion that involves the worship of many different gods.
A king or queen who is the leader of the country.
The area of England where the Vikings settled after the invasion.
An area that is ruled by a king or queen.
The period of history from 500 AD to 1500 AD.
Entering an area by force in order to take over.

History Golden Words – Look out for them in this unit!



Building our WA Timeline



Key Dates

AD 449	AD 563	AD 597	AD 600	AD 634	AD 794	AD 871	AD 924	AD 939	AD 1042	AD 1066
Anglo-Saxon invaders arrive in Britain	St Columba set up a monastery in Iona, bringing Christianity to Scotland	Pope in Rome sent St Augustine to convert British to Christianity	Anglo-Saxons take over England. Anglo-Saxon kingdoms established	Lindisfarne Priory set up by St Aiden.  Many converted to Christianity	Vikings attack from Norway	Alfred the Great becomes King of Wessex	Aethelstan becomes the King of Wessex	Vikings invade England and take back the North	Edward the Confessor becomes king	King Harold is killed in Battle of Hastings

Historical Enquiries

- Who were the Anglo-Saxons and why did they come to Britain?
- What was life like in Anglo-Saxon Britain?
- Should the Anglo-Saxon period be referred to as a 'Dark Age'?

Historical Skills

