

Vocabulary

1. Anglo-Saxons Name given to a variety of different tribes who invaded Britain from mainland Europe following the retreat of the Romans.
2. Paganism Multi-god religion practised in Northern Europe. Later replaced by Christianity.
3. Woden One-eyed king of the pagan gods, known for his wisdom. Wednesday is named after him.
4. Frige Queen of the pagan gods, protected the home, marriages and pregnant women. Friday is named after her.
5. Runes The alphabet that was used by the Anglo-Saxons to write.
6. Sutton Hoo Archaeological excavation of an Anglo-Saxon burial site in Suffolk.
7. Beowulf Geatish hero of an epic poem, which tells of how he defeated the monster Grendel.
8. Taefl Popular battle board game played by the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Celts.
9. Shield-wall Defensive formation used in battle, where warriors' shields overlap for protection.
10. Hastings Location of a battle where the invading Normans defeated King Harold Godwinson.
11. Bayeux Tapestry Embroidery showing the story of the Norman Conquest, and defeat of the Anglo-Saxons by William the Conqueror.

Supporting Materials

Anglo-Saxon House



Beowulf and Grendel



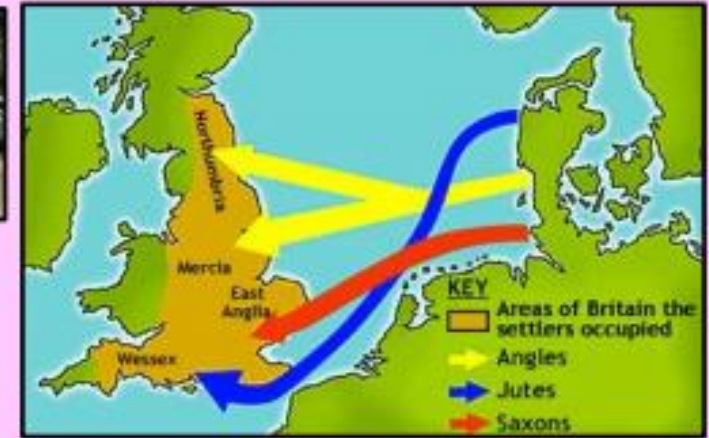
Harold Godwinson's Emblem



Re-enactors' Shield-wall



Angle, Saxon and Jute Invasion Routes



Taefl Game



Sutton Hoo Replica Helmet



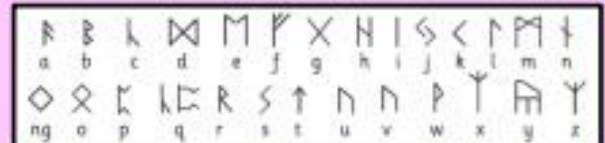
Hastings Location



Bayeux Tapestry



Runes



Timeline

AD 410

Romans leave Britain

AD 630

Approximate Sutton Hoo burial date

AD 1000

Earliest written version of Beowulf

AD 1066

Battle of Hastings

AD 1072

Completion of the Norman Conquest