

# Topic Fact Sheet - Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

## Key Terms

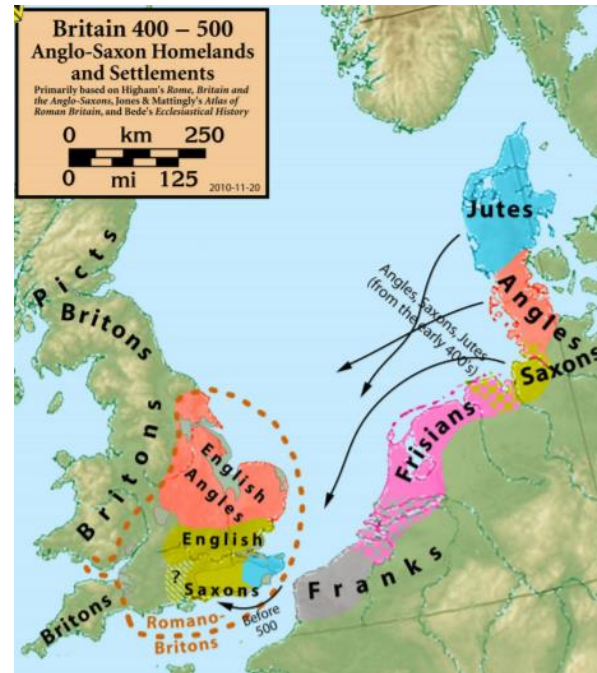
<b>Angles</b>	Tribes from modern day Northern Germany.
<b>Archaeologist</b>	Someone who studies the past by exploring old remains.
<b>Danegald</b>	"Paying the Dane". King Etherlred paid the Vikings 4500kg of silver to go home but they kept returning and were paid 22,000kg of silver in Danegeld altogether.
<b>Exile</b>	To be sent away.
<b>Invasion</b>	To enter a country by force with the intention of taking over.
<b>Kingdom</b>	An area ruled by a king. There were many kingdoms within England at this time.
<b>Longship</b>	A long, wooden, narrow boat used by the Vikings.
<b>Missionary</b>	A person from a religion sent to spread the faith.
<b>Outlawed</b>	Having all property taken away and being unable to live in the community.
<b>Pagan</b>	A religion that involves worshiping many gods and goddesses.
<b>Pillage</b>	To violently steal.
<b>Raid</b>	A surprise attack.
<b>Saxons</b>	German-Dutch tribes who settled in Britain from around 450 AD.
<b>Wegild</b>	A payment system used to settle disputes between a criminal and the victim or their family.



The Anglo-Saxons were Christians, Britain having been introduced to Christianity by the Romans.



**Sutton Hoo:** A collection of mounds that were Anglo-Saxon cemeteries. One mound was found to contain a ship burial.



The Jutes, Angles and Saxons came from Denmark, Germany and The Netherlands.

The Jutes settled in Kent.

The Angles settled in East Anglia..

The Saxons settles in the South of England.



Artefacts found at Sutton Hoo.

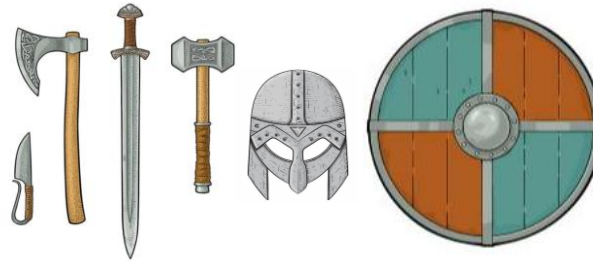
Anglo Saxons lived in villages like this.



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## Key Dates

410 AD	The Romans leave Britain.
449 - 550 AD	The arrival of Angles and Saxons to Britain.
556 AD	Seven kingdoms are created across Britain.
793 AD	The Vikings invade and attack Lindisfarne Monastery.
866 AD	The Vikings capture the city of York.
878 AD	The Vikings settle permanently in England.
886 AD	King Alfred agrees to a treaty with the Vikings called 'Danelaw'.
900 AD	The Vikings establish rule in Scotland.
954 AD	The last Viking king of Jorvik (York), Eric Bloodaxe is forced out of York.
1014 AD	Cnut becomes King of the Danes and King of England.
1042 AD	Edward II becomes King of England and is known as 'Edward the Confessor'.
1066 AD	King Harold is defeated by William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings and Norman Britain begins.

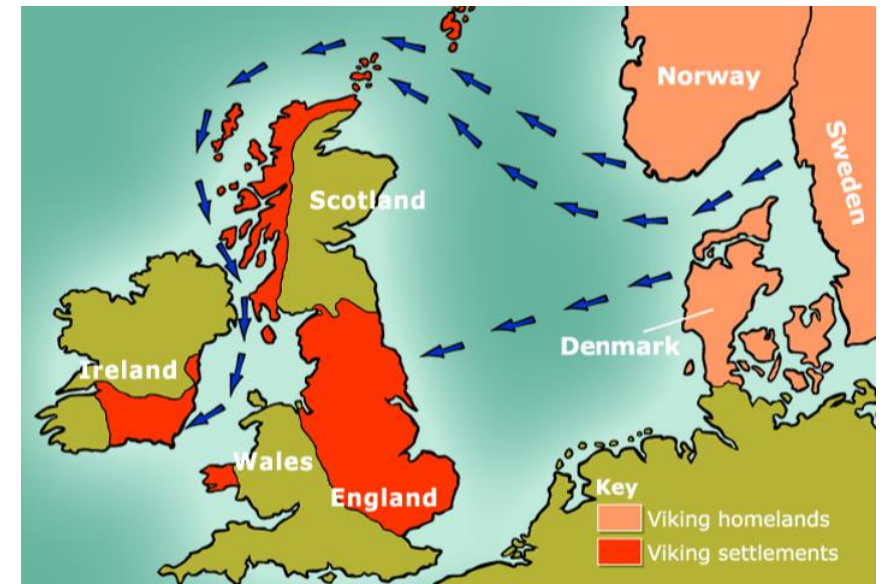


The Vikings used weapons such as axes and swords as well as armour like round shield and (hornless) helmets.



Many Vikings were farmers and craftsmen.

The Vikings believed in many Norse gods.



The Vikings invaded from Scandinavia: Norway, Sweden and Denmark.



The Vikings were skilled sailors and used longboats to travel. The prow was shaped like a dragon; a terrifying sight to the people they attacked.

