

Vocabulary

Anglo-Saxons	The name given to the Angles, Saxons and Jutes, three tribes which came from North Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands.
Picts	Inhabitants of territories north of Hadrian's Wall.
(Celtic) Britons	Inhabitants of the territories we now call England and Wales.
Paganism	A religious practice where people believed in many gods: each Anglo-Saxon pagan god controlled an area of daily life.
Christianity	A religion that believes in one God, based on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. The leader of the Christian Church was the Pope, who lived in Rome.
Heptarchy	Refers to the seven kingdom of Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Sussex, Wessex and Kent.
Kingdom	A territory ruled by a king or queen. In Saxon times, kingdom mapped onto shires.
Shire	An area of local government now called a county.

Important People

St. Augustine	Christian missionary considered to be responsible for lots of people converting to Christianity in Britain.
King Aethelbert	King of Kent who created the first Germanic law code in the early 7th Century.
King Offa	King of Mercia, and most of England in mid 8th Century.
King Arthur	Possibly mythical King of Wessex, famous for stopping Saxon expansion.
Bede	Monk in a Northumbrian monastery who wrote a history of the English church and people.

Anglo-Saxons Kingdoms

The Jutes were based in Kent.
 The Angles settled in East Anglia.
 The Saxons settled in Essex (East Saxons), Sussex (South Saxons), Wessex (West Saxons) and Middlesex (Middle Saxons)

Timeline of Events

410 CE	Last Romans leave Britain and the Picts begin to attack the Britons.
449-450 CE	Angles, Saxons and Jutes begin to settle.
516 CE	Battle of Mount Badon - between Britons and Anglo-Saxons.
570 CE	Heptarchy emerges in England.
597 CE	St. Augustine brings Christianity to England from Rome.
600 CE	First Law Code written in English in Aethelbert's kingdom in Kent.
613 CE	Northumbrian kings rule over most of England.
731 CE	Bede completes Ecclesiastical History of the English People.
757 CE	Otta becomes king of Mercia and arguably first king of all England.
789 CE	First recorded Viking attack (Dorset).
793 CE	Viking attack on Lindisfarne.

Anglo-Saxon gods

Balder	God of immortality.
Eostre	Goddess of birth and spring.
Frigg	Goddess of love.
Hel	Goddess of death.
Loki	God of cunning.
Saxnot	God of the family.
Thunor	God of thunder.
Tiw	God of war.
Wade	God of the sea.
Woden	Chief god.

Anglo-Saxon days of the week

Mondaeg	Day of the Moon.
Tiwesdaeg	Tiw's day.
Wodensdaeg	Woden's day.
Dunresdaeg	Dunor/Thor's day.
Frigadaeg	Freyja's day (Woden's wife).
Saeternesdaeg	Saturn's day (Saturn was a Roman god).
Sunnandaeg	Day of the Sun.