## What happened after the Romans left?

The Romans left in 410AD, leaving behind people who were unable to defend their land. The Picts and Scots took advantage of this and tried to invade Britain. King Vortigern asked brothers Hengist and Horsa to help. They helped to fight off the fierce tribes but decided to stay in Britain too.



## Who were the rulers during the Anglo-Saxon period?

After the invasion of the
Angles, Saxons and Jutes,
Britain was divided into seven
kingdoms, each of which had
their own king.

## What did the Anglo-Saxons believe?

At the start of the Anglo-Saxon period, many people followed the Paganism religion. They had their own beliefs, superstitions and worshipped the gods Tiw, Woden, Thor and Frig. After a visit from St Augustine, their beliefs changed and many Saxons converted to Christianity.

## Who were the Anglo-Saxons?

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Saint Bede was a monk and one of the greatest teachers and writers of the Middle Ages. His writing has taught historians about Anglo-Saxon life.



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Saint Augustine was a monk who taught people about the word of Jesus Christ. He brought Christianity to Britain in 595 AD and became the first Archbishop of Canterbury in 597 AD.

Alfred is the most famous Anglo-Saxon king and the only English king to ever have the title 'the Great'- he defended England from the Vikings!



Edward the Confessor was one of the last Anglo-Saxon kings. He commissioned the building of Westminster Abbey and was buried there after his death.

AD 410	AD 446	AD 450	AD 595	AD 650	AD 1066	AD 1066
The Romans leave Britain	King Vortigern asks Hengest and Horsea for help fighting against the Picts and the	Tribes of Angles, Saxons and Jutes settle in Britain	King Ethelbert met Saint Augustine who spoke to him about	Britain is now split into seven kingdoms each with their own king.	Edward the Confessor dies without leaving an heir.	The Battle of Hastings

Key Vocabulary				
Angles	A tribe of people who settled in Britain around AD 450. They came from modern day Denmark.			
Saxons	A tribe of people who settled in Britain around AD 450. They came from modern day Germany.			
Picts	A feared tribe from Scotland who attempted to invade Britain.			
Scots	A group of fierce and powerful fighters from Ireland who settled in Scotland.			
invaders	People who enter and area and take control of it by force.			
kingdom	An area ruled by a king or queen.			
Pagan	A person who follows the religion of Paganism. Pagans worship many gods and goddesses.			
Christianity	A religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.			
settlement	An area of land where a community of people live and work.			