





Prior knowledge











This topic builds on work completed in previous years. We have previously learnt about the history of Great Britain until the Romans left in 410CE. We have looked at the way of life in Britain and how it has changed since pre-historic times. In this topic we look at what happened next.

Who? (People)












Alfred the Great	King of Wessex, successfully defended against the Vikings	
King Canute of Denmark	Captured the English Crown	
King Athlestan	First King of England	
Edward the Confessor	Defeated at the Battle of Hastings by the Normans	



What? (Key Vocabulary)

Saxons	People from the Angle, Saxon and Jute tribes of Northern Europe	
Vikings	People who originated from Scandanavia	
Conquer	To take control of a place or people by force	
Invade	To enter a place in large numbers, usually unwanted, in order to take over	
Kingdom	A country whose ruler is a king or queen	
Monastery	A building where people worship	
Lindisfarne	An island off North-East coast of England	
Sutton Hoo	Anglo-Saxon burial site	
Longboat	Long, narrow and flat ships that could travel over choppy seas	
Runes	An ancient alphabet	

When?

410 CE	Romans leave Britain	
450 CE	Anglo-Saxons began to settle in England	
600 CE	England was divided into Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms	
793 CE	Vikings invaded Lindisfarne raiding the monasteries	
871 CE	Alfred the Great becomes King of Wessex	
876 CE	Vikings from Scandinavia settle permanently in England	
925 CE	Athelstan becomes the first king of England	
980 CE	New Viking raids on England	
1014 CE	King Canute of Denmark captured the English crown	
1042 CE	Edward the Confessor became King	
1066 CE	Battle of Hastings is won by William the Conqueror of Normandy	

History – Historical Horrors

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