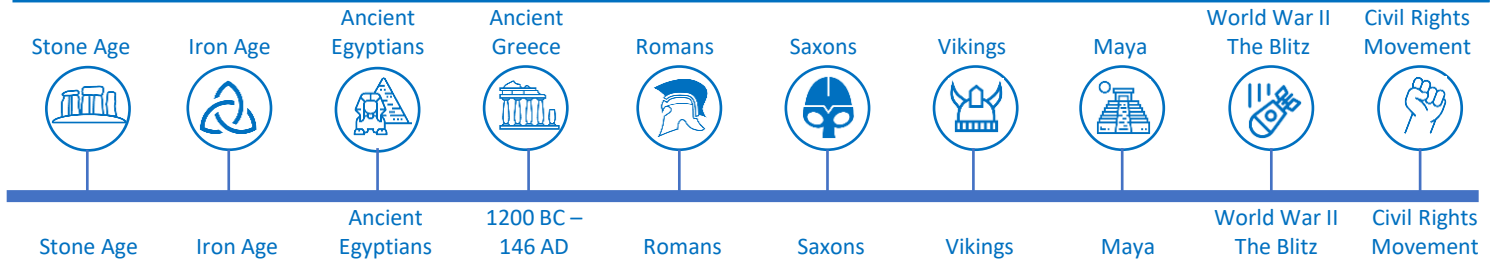


ANGLO-SAXONS AND VIKINGS

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

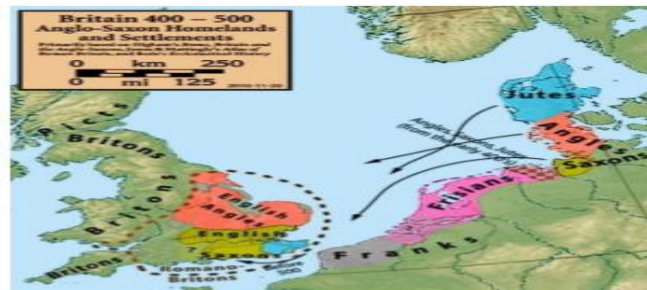


KEY VOCABULARY

- 1 Archaeology** To study artefacts from the past in order to learn about them.
- 2 Conquer** To get something by force.
- 3 Danelaw** The area in Britain the Vikings ruled.
- 4 Kingdom** An area ruled by a King.
- 5 Longship** A long, wooden narrow boat used by the Vikings.
- 6 Pagan** A person who believes in many Gods.
- 7 Runes** Viking letters of the alphabet.
- 8 Scandinavia** The countries of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. This is the area the Vikings came from .
- 9 Treaty** An agreement made between 2 or more people, groups or countries.
- 10 Weirgeld** A payment system used to settle disputes between a criminal and the victim or their family.

KEY PEOPLE

- 1 Alfred the Great** King of England AD871-899.
- 2 Angles** A member of a Germanic tribe who invaded and settled in Britain in the 5th century.
- 3 Edward the Confessor** King of England 1042- 1066AD .
- 4 Jute** A member of a Germanic tribe who invaded and settled in Britain in the 5th Century.
- 5 King Arthur** Legendary King of England who fought the Anglo-Saxon invaders. Historians are not sure whether he existed or not.
- 6 King Athelstan** King of England 925 - 939 AD.
- 7 King Cnut** King of England, Denmark and Norway 1016-1035AD.



KEY EVENTS

- AD410** The Romans leave Britain.
- cAD450** Angles, Saxons and Jutes invade England and settle on the south and east coast.
- cAD450-600** The invaders claim England as their own and divide the country into seven kingdoms.
- AD685** King Ecgrith of Northumbria loses a battle to the Scottish Picts, ending Anglo-Saxon rule in England.
- AD 785** King Offa, the Anglo-Saxon king of Mercia, builds a wall to protect the border between his kingdom and the Welsh kingdom of Powys.
- AD793** Vikings attack the monastery of Lindisfarne.
- AD866** Vikings capture the city of York.
- AD871** Alfred of Wessex becomes king of the Anglo-Saxons.
- AD886** King Alfred agrees to share Britain with the Vikings.
- 1066** The Normans, under William, the Duke of Normandy invade from France and defeat the Anglo-Saxon King Harold