

I should already know...

- In AD 43, the Romans under the order of Emperor Claudius, first invaded Britain and Roman rule lasted until AD 410.
- The Stone Age was when early humans used tools from stone. This lasted until the Bronze Age.



By the end of this unit I will:

- Know who invaded England after the Romans.
- Understand how people lived during the Anglo-Saxon period.
- Know about the struggle for power in England and the rise of Alfred the Great.
- Understand the importance of the discovery of the Sutton Hoo by examining archaeological evidence.
- Understand the importance of the discovery of the Staffordshire Hoard.

People of significance:

Alfred the Great – King of Wessex	Alfred made good laws and believed education was important. He had books translated from Latin into English, so people could read them.
Terry Herbert	Metal detectorist Terry Herbert discovered a £3.3 million hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver haul on farmland in Staffordshire.

Key Vocabulary

Pagan	A religion that involves worshipping many gods and goddesses.
archaeologist	A person who discovers our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.
hoard	A stock or store of money or valued objects, typically one that is secret or carefully guarded.
Burhs	Places like castles with forts and soldiers that were set up during the reign of Alfred the great.
artefact	An object made by a human being, typically one of cultural or historical interest.
settlement	Places where people live and sometimes work.
excavate	To remove earth carefully from an area in order to find buried remains.
invasion	The movement of an army into a region, usually in a hostile attack that's part of a war or conflict
Danelaw	The name of the area of England that officially belonged to the Vikings after 886 CE
Dark Ages	Period of history called 'Dark' because, in the past, historians knew very little about it. They couldn't see any information in the darkness! We now know lots about this period of history so some historians don't like the term 'Dark Ages' anymore.

AD 410
The last Romans leave Britain

AD 450
Saxons from Germany land in Britain and settle in Kent

By AD 600
Seven kingdoms are created across Britain

AD 876
Vikings permanently settle in England

AD 886
Alfred the Great crowned King of the Anglo-Saxons



Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?

1. Who came after the Romans?

2. What was life like during the dark ages?

3. Who was Alfred the Great?

4. What did the discovery of Sutton Hoo teach us?

5. What was the importance of the Staffordshire Hoard?