

# ABOUT : The Anglo-Saxons

## Origins

When the Romans left, to help defend Italy, Britain was defenseless and so raiders came from Angeln and Saxony in Germany and also Jutes from Denmark. These newcomers become known as Anglo-Saxons.

## Sub Kingdoms

The Anglo Saxons were not united and did away with a lot of Roman traditions. They established seven kingdoms within England, each with its own leader :

East Anglia	and the smaller kingdoms of :
Mercia	Essex
Nothumbria	Kent
Wessex	Sussex

The Anglo Saxons ruled for over 500 years and didn't leave, so they form part of our ancestry. The English language originates from this time and even the name of the country is Anglo-Saxon - 'Ange-land'.

Some of the large chalk 'white horses', to be found on hill sides around the country date back to this time. The image shown, is of the Westbury White Horse on Salisbury Plain.

## Invaders

Though invaders themselves, the Anglo Saxons had new invaders to deal with, such as the Vikings and later the Normans from France.

## Kings

Famous kings from this time include:

King Alfred of Wessex, better known as Alfred the Great

King Harold. He was the last Saxon king, dying at the battle of Hastings in 1066

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If you want to find out even more about the Anglo-Saxons, use the links below.

### Further information :

<http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/saxons.htm>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglo-Saxon\\_England](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglo-Saxon_England)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/anglo\\_saxons/saxons.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/anglo_saxons/saxons.shtml)

[http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/cultures/europe/anglo-saxon\\_england.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/cultures/europe/anglo-saxon_england.aspx)

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