



Settle Down

What have the Anglo-Saxons done for me?

1. Who were the Anglo Saxons and where did they come from?

The Anglo-Saxon period in Britain spans approximately the six centuries from 410-1066AD.

The Anglo-Saxons were migrants from **Northern Europe** who settled in England in the fifth and sixth centuries.



2. Can we give a true account as to why the Anglo- Saxons invaded Britain?

Because it was so long ago and the lack evidence we are unsure of the exact reason the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain, however these are some reasons why:

- 1) Some Anglo-Saxons were warriors who enjoyed fighting.
- 2) To find land to farm. Their homelands in Scandinavia often flooded so it was tough to grow enough food back there
- 3) In search of a new life.
- 4) The Britons invited some Anglo-Saxons to defend them from the Picts and Scots but they didn't leave! They took over.

3. What do we want to find out about Anglo Saxon art and culture?

The Anglo-Saxons were great **craft workers**. They made **jewellery**, musical **instruments** and homemade **toys** and **games**.

They were also keen storytellers. They would gather together in **feasting halls** and tell stories. Often their stories would be accompanied by music played on a string instrument called a **lyre**.

The Saxons liked to play with words too. They amused themselves by telling

Key Vocabulary

Lifestyle	the way of life for a group of people.
Art	a way to express themselves.
Culture	a way of life for a group of people.
Compare and Contrast	look at the similarities and differences.
Settle	moving to a new country to live
Settlement	where people live
Invade	attacking another country
Kingdoms	the way the country was divided up
Empire	a large commercial organisation owned or controlled by one person or

DATE

EVENT

410 AD The Romans leave Britain.

450 AD Britain is divided up into 7 Kingdoms.

Applying Past Knowledge

This learning links with the previous learning in Year 3 on The Romans