



Key Vocabulary

Beowulf – epic Anglo-Saxon poem, over 3000 lines long in Old English, about a Swedish warrior who slaughtered the beast Grendel and its mother

AD / CE Anno Domini –Used with a date to show how many years since the birth of Christ. *Eg: it is now 2019 AD.*

AD is sometimes replaced by CE which stands for **Common Era**.

Primary sources of Evidence

Evidence created during the time being studied by the people of that time

Secondary sources of evidence Evidence created by other people based on primary evidence

Settlement A place where people make their homes

Evidence Proof of something

Artefact A historical object

Paganism The religion of the Anglo-Saxons who believed in many gods

Christianity The religion of the Romans, based on the teachings of Jesus and belief in one God.

Conversion change

Wergild Wergild was a payment system used in Anglo-Saxon times to settle disputes between the criminal and the victim or the victim's family

Runes The letters used in the Runic alphabet. This is how the Anglo Saxons wrote.

Key Knowledge

350 AD- Anglo Saxons raid English shores and are beaten back by the Romans

410 AD- Last Romans leave Britain, leaving the Celts defenceless

449-550 AD- Arrival of Jutes, Angles and Saxons from Denmark, Germany & The Netherlands

556 AD- Britain is divided into 7 Anglo-Saxon kingdoms: Northumbria, Essex, Wessex, Sussex, East Anglia, Mercia, Kent

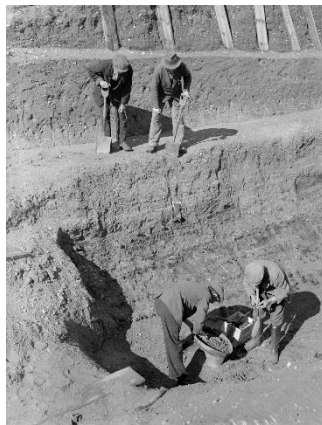
597 AD- St Augustine brings Christianity to Britain from Rome and becomes Archbishop of Canterbury

731 AD- Bede, widely thought of as the greatest Anglo-Saxon scholar, finishes his 'History of Britain'

789 AD- First recorded Viking attack (Dorset)

Key figures		Key place of interest
Vortigern	Bede	Sutton Hoo- in 1939, archaeologists discovered an Anglo-Saxon ship burial at Sutton Hoo in Suffolk
St Augustine	King Offa	
King Aethelbert		

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Discovery at Sutton Hoo

Anglo Saxon Gods

Woden – chief God

Frigg – wife of Woden. Goddess of childbirth.

Thunor – God of Thunder

Tiw – God of War

Eostre - Goddess who was worshipped during Eostremonath (April). She was the God of rebirth and giving of eggs.

In this topic, you will know:

Where the AS came from

How they divided the country and that some of the boundaries still exist today

How Britain changed between the exit of the Romans and 1066

That the Vikings and AS were often in conflict

Why the Vikings frequently won battles against the AS

