

Traders and Raiders: The Story of Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain

The Anglo-Saxons (The Settlers)



Three Tribes, One Land



The Angles, Saxons, and Jutes arrived from Germany and Denmark during the 5th century.

Seven Divided Kingdoms



Early England was not one country, but many small kingdoms like Wessex and Mercia.

The Origin of "England"



Angles English England

The name "Angles" eventually became "English" and their land became "England."

After the Romans left Britain in 410AD, the land was taken by 2 main groups of people from across the North Sea. First, Anglo-Saxon tribes settled and formed kingdoms, followed by Viking raiders & farmers from Scandinavia.

Expert Shipbuilders

Longships were designed for deep and shallow waters and rivers.

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The Vikings (The Raiders)



793 A.D. - The First Raid

The Viking age began with a famous attack on the monastery at Lindisfarne.



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Cultural Comparison: Anglo-Saxons vs. Vikings

| Feature | Anglo-Saxons | Vikings |
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| Homeland | Germany & Denmark | Denmark, Sweden & Norway |
| Religion | Christian (after 597 A.D.) | Pagan (Worshipped gods like Odin) |
| Writing | Old English Runes | Norse Runes |

Beyond the Battlefield



While many were raiders, many Vikings come in peace to become farmers.

Major Events



410 AD: The Romans leave Britain unguarded



793 AD: The first Viking attack at Lindisfarne



1066 AD: The Anglo-Saxon period ends with the Norman Conquest

Key vocabulary

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| archaeologist | longhouse | Picts |
| Angles | longship | runes |
| Christianity | Merica | settler |
| Danelaw | migration | thatch |
| East Anglia | Odin | wattle and daub |
| Jutes | pagan | Wessex |