

Anglo Saxons and Scots

History

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Key Facts

Chronology

- The Scots settled in northern Britain, leading to the development of Scotland.
- After the Romans left, the stability disappeared and so different groups began to invade Britain (Picts and Scots).
- The Angles and Saxons were two separate groups but became known as the Anglo Saxons.
- After the Romans left, the Celts became under attack from Picts and Scots and so asked the Angles and Saxons for help. They agreed in return for land which they could settle on.
- The Anglo Saxons took over more land and by the 9th century ruled four main kingdoms (Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia and Wessex).
- Each tribe/kingdom had their own leader/king.
- During their rule, Christianity spread as monks came to England. Before this, the Saxons had pagan beliefs.
- One of the most important archaeological sites is the Sutton Hoo ship burial in East Anglia. Historians have used clues from the site to try and work out who it belonged to.
- The Saxons wrote some of the earliest examples of literature including Beowulf.

396-398 AD	Picts, Saxons and Scots constantly raid Britain
410 AD	The Romans leave Britain
449-550 AD	Arrival of Jutes from Jutland, Angles from South Denmark and Saxons from Germany
450 AD	Saxons from Germany settle in Kent
516 AD	The Battle of Mount Badon
556 AD	Seven kingdoms are created across Britain
597 AD	St Augustine brings Christianity to Britain from Rome and becomes the Archbishop of Canterbury
600 AD	First Law Code written in English in Aethelbert's kingdom in Kent
617 AD	Northumbria becomes the Supreme Kingdom
736 AD	Bede completes ecclesiastical history
757 AD	Offa becomes king of Mercia and arguably the first king of all England
779 AD	Mercia becomes the Supreme Kingdom and Offa builds a Dyke across the Welsh border
789 AD	First recorded Viking attack
793 AD	Viking attack on Lindesfarne

Vocabulary

conquered	Took control of by force
stability	Being unlikely to change
Medieval	The period of European history between 476 AD and 1500 AD
AD/CE	Anno-Domini—after the birth of Jesus
monk	A member of the religious community living under
settlement	A place where people establish a community and live
Bede	A monk who wrote about life in Anglo Saxon Britain

Useful links and sources

<https://michaelt1979.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/history-3-anglo-saxons-scots.pdf>

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