

Video transcript

Who were the Anglo-Saxons?



Excuse me. Yes, you... Would you like to learn about the Anglo-Saxons?

Great! Well let's start at the beginning... The Anglo-Saxon age in Britain was about 410 to 1066 and they originally came from Germany and Scandinavia.

Some historians say they were driven from their homes by rising floodwaters.

They were not one united people, but lots of warring tribes that settled in different parts of Britain. The biggest tribes were the Angles, Saxons and the Jutes.

But they weren't always at war. They were mostly farmers who lived in wooden huts.

Children here would generally not go to school. Girls would help around the home and boys learned the skills of their fathers.

I would take a step back if I were you.

The Anglo-Saxons loved making things from wood. And they made intricate jewellery and metalwork. We still see their influence today, with words like, cow, cheese, werewolf and ghost.

Plus several place names and even areas that still exist. They even laid the foundation for the creation of England.

There we go, the history of the Anglo-Saxons in a matter of minutes, from invaders to settlers, to makers. How enjoyable was that? Plus you have made a new friend.

Oh... hold on, I think his mother wants a word with you. Fantastic! Another successful day, look what happens when history happens to you!