

Anglo-Saxons: AD 410 - AD 1066



Made up of three tribes who came over from **Europe**, they were called the **Angle**, **Saxon**, and **Jute** tribes. The two largest were the Angle and Saxon, which is how we've come to know them as the Anglo-Saxons today.

Key Vocabulary

agriculture - the process of growing crops and raising animals for food and other products

Saxons - a Germanic tribe

wergild - a fine paid as punishment if someone was hurt or killed

invade - to enter and occupy land

kingdom - an area ruled by a king

monks - men from a religious community promising to live simple, obedient lives for God

monasteries - houses where monks lived

settlers - people who move into a new country or area to live

trial by ordeal - a test used to decide if someone was guilty, often painful

rune - a letter of an ancient Germanic alphabet, related to the Roman alphabet

pagans - the religion of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings before converting to Christianity

noble - a rich and powerful landowner

slave (thrall) - a person who has to work for others and had no freedom