

THE ANGLO-SAXONS IN BRITAIN

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Who were they?

The Anglo-Saxons were warrior-farmers that came from north-western Europe. They invaded Britain while the Romans were still in control. They were also the largest of the three attacking tribes, the Angles, the Saxons, and the Jutes.

When did they invade Britain?

The Anglo-Saxons raided the shores of south and east England in the 4th century AD but they were beaten back by the Romans. During the second half of the 5th century, they migrated to England and settled down.

Where did they come from?

The Anglo-Saxons left the places where they lived in northern Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands and crossed with wooden boats the North Sea to Britain.

Why did they invade Britain?

Although it's not sure, there are a lot of sources saying that the Anglo-Saxons were invited to the place we now know as England to help keep invaders out of Scotland and Ireland.

Where did the Anglo-Saxons settle in Britain?

The Anglo-Saxons managed to take control of Britain but were not able to conquer Scotland, Wales, and Cornwall. They set up camp near rivers or by the sea and generally places that could be reached by boat.

How long did they stay in Britain?

The Anglo-Saxons had England under control for 500 years but, unlike the Romans, they didn't "go back home". Also, many British people have Anglo-Saxon ancestors.



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