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## Anglo-Saxons

[Anglo-Saxons – BBC Bitesize](#)

This site includes some great information, images and videos to provide a comprehensive overview of the Anglo-Saxons. The videos include information about Saxon life, why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain and Alfred the Great.

[Britons, Saxons, Scots & Picts – Early British Kingdoms for Kids](#)

A great site written for children, covering just about everything you need to know about the Saxons. It covers many topics including King Arthur, people, kings, places to live, religion and clothing.

**NOTE: Although the pictures are cartoons, some are quite graphic.**

[Anglo-Saxons: a brief history – The Historical Association](#)

A brief overview of Saxon invasions, suitable for teachers.

[Sutton Hoo and Europe, AD 300-1100 – The British Museum](#)

A great resource featuring images of objects found during the Sutton Hoo excavation. Includes images of weaponry, such as a sword, shield and the famous helmet.

## Vikings

[Vikings – BBC Bitesize](#)

This site is full of facts, images and videos and provides a brilliant overview of the Vikings. The videos cover a vast array of topics including where Vikings came from, everyday life, longboats and gods.

[Vikings: a brief history – The Historical Association](#)

A brief overview of Viking invasions, suitable for teachers.

## St Bede

[The Venerable Bede \(AD 673–735 AD\) – BBC History](#)

A brief overview, suitable for teachers.

[The Venerable Bede: Father of English history – Christianity Today](#)

An interesting article about Bede's life, suitable for teachers.

## Saxon shore forts

[Saxon shore forts – Google Maps](#)

An interactive resource, which allows you to zoom in on the forts.

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## **King Arthur**

[\*The Search for King Arthur – National Geographic\*](#)

This three-minute video summarises the legend of King Arthur.

**NOTE: Some fighting scenes are included.**

[\*King Arthur, 'Once and Future King' – BBC History\*](#)

Details about the legend and history of this famous figure, suitable for teachers.

[\*King Arthur – Introduction – caerleon.net\*](#)

A version of the legend and information about how the legend developed.

[\*Top 10 clues to the real King Arthur – The Independent\*](#)

An article describing ten places associated with the Arthurian legend.

[\*The Legend of King Arthur, by Bishop Thomas Percy \(Editor\) – University of Rochester\*](#)

A copy of the poem.

[\*When good King Arthur ruled this Land – Mama Lisa's World\*](#)

Words, sheet music and a sample of the tune for this nursery rhyme.

## **Everyday life of Anglo-Saxons**

[\*History Cookbook – Cookit!\*](#)

Information about how food was produced, preserved and cooked.

[\*Anglo-Saxon house – a reconstruction – YouTube\*](#)

This six-minute video explains techniques used to build a Saxon house.

## **Alfred the Great**

[\*Middle Ages – Alfred the Great – Ducksters\*](#)

A biography written for children about the King.

[\*Alfred the Great – Royal Berkshire History for Kids\*](#)

A short summary of Alfred the Great's life.

## **Place names**

[\*The origin of some English place names – localhistories.org\*](#)

A simple list of place names and their origins.

## **Viking feasts**

[\*Viking Food – BBC History\*](#)

Text with pictures describing what food Vikings used to eat on typical days and feast nights, suitable for teachers.

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### [Food – Ribe Viking Center](#)

Information about Viking feasts and recipes, plus links to information about everyday food.

## **Viking entertainment**

### [Sigurd and the Dragon – Storynory](#)

An audio version of the story *Sigurd and the Dragon*. A written copy is also available at the bottom of the page.

## **Viking gods**

### [Viking Sagas – BBC School Radio](#)

A set of animated mini Viking sagas about the gods Odin, Freya and Thor, lasting approximately five minutes each.

### [Fun Facts on Viking Gods – Kids Fun Facts](#)

Fifteen facts about legendary Viking gods.

## **Viking death and the afterlife**

### [Viking Burial Customs and Food – Lore & Saga](#)

Information and images explaining Viking burial rituals.

### [Viking buried in a ship found in Scottish Highlands – The Telegraph](#)

An informative two-minute video describing the discovery of a 1000-year-old Viking ship found in Scotland, including artefacts, weapons and a very important human body.

### [Viking Funerals, Burials and the Afterlife – Legends & Chronicles](#)

Suitable for teachers, this site explains the Viking customs for burials and the afterlife.

### [A Viking grave – BBC Bitesize](#)

A three-minute video revealing some of the objects found in a Viking burial.

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