

Project glossary

Angle

A person from northern Germany who invaded and settled in parts of eastern and northern England.

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Anglo-Saxon

The period in Britain from the end of Roman rule to the Norman Conquest in 1066. Anglo-Saxons were the descendants of the Angles, Saxons and Jutes.

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Battle of Hastings

The battle between King Harold II of England and William, Duke of Normandy, in October 1066.

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Celt

A person of European origin who settled in Britain from c800 BC.

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Christianity

A religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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Danelaw

The area of Anglo-Saxon England where the Vikings ruled.

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East Anglia

A kingdom in eastern Anglo-Saxon England.

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Essex

A kingdom in eastern Anglo-Saxon England.

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heptarchy

The seven kingdoms into which England was divided in cAD 600 made up of East Anglia, Essex, Kent, Mercia, Northumbria, Sussex and Wessex.

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hierarchy

A system in a society where people are organised into different levels of importance from highest to lowest.



invasion

When a foreign army enters a country by force.

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Jorvik

The Viking name for the city of York.

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Jute

A person of Germanic origin who settled in Kent and the Isle of Wight.

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Kent

A kingdom in south-east Anglo-Saxon England.

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kingdom

An area ruled by a king.

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Mercia

A kingdom in central Anglo-Saxon England.

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monastery

A building where monks live, work, study and pray, separate from the outside world.

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monk

A member of a male religious community who lives in a monastery.

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mythology

A collection of religious or cultural stories.

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Norman

The period in Britain from the Norman Conquest in 1066 until 1154.

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Northumbria

A kingdom in northern Anglo-Saxon England.

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pagan

A person who believes in many gods or does not follow one of the world’s major religions.



Pict

A person living in northern Scotland during the Roman occupation of Britain.

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Saxon

A person living in central or northern Germany during the Roman occupation of Britain. Many Saxons conquered and settled in southern England after the Roman withdrawal.

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Scandinavia

An area of Europe that includes Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

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Scot

A person originally from Ireland who moved to Scotland after the Roman withdrawal from England.

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Sussex

A kingdom in southern Anglo-Saxon England.

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Viking

A person from Scandinavia who raided and traded with parts of north-western Europe.

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Wessex

A kingdom in central southern Anglo-Saxon England.

