

What Should I already know?

We live on an island named **Britain** .

**Ancient Britain** came long after dinosaurs had become extinct and stretched over three ages known as the **Stone Age**, **Bronze Age** and the **Iron Age**.

The **Iron Age** in **Britain** ended when people known as the **Romans** invaded from over the seas. The Romans ruled Britain for almost 400 years.

The **Romans** left **Britain** in order to protect their **capital city– Rome**. Many of the **Roman** buildings and creation turned to ruins.

Who were the Anglo Saxons?

After the **Romans** left, many tribes in **Northern Europe** thought that Britain would be a good place to try to conquer and settle in for many reasons:

- There was no **Roman** army left to protect them.
- There was lots of good **farming** land and space to **settle**.
- There were lots of **valuable resources** like metal and gold..

Many tribes **invaded ,conquered and settled** in Britain. The most famous of these tribes were **the Angles and the Saxons** which is where we get the name **Anglo-Saxon** from.

Some people believe that some of these tribes were actually invited to Britain to protect people against tribes called **the Scots and the Picts**.

**Chulmleigh** was first built by the **Anglo-Saxons**. The word Leigh means forest clearing in **Anglo-Saxon**.

Anglo Saxon Religion

When they first came to **Britain** the **Anglo-Saxon** people were very **superstitious**. They believed in magic, lucky charms and **omens**.

Many Christian people called the **Anglo-Saxons ‘pagans’** which meant they believed in many gods.

A powerful man called the **Pope**, who lived in **Rome**, sent a **priest** called **Augustine** to **Britain** to convert the people to **Christianity**.

Slowly more and more **Anglo-Saxons** in Britain changed their beliefs until almost all of them were **Christians**.

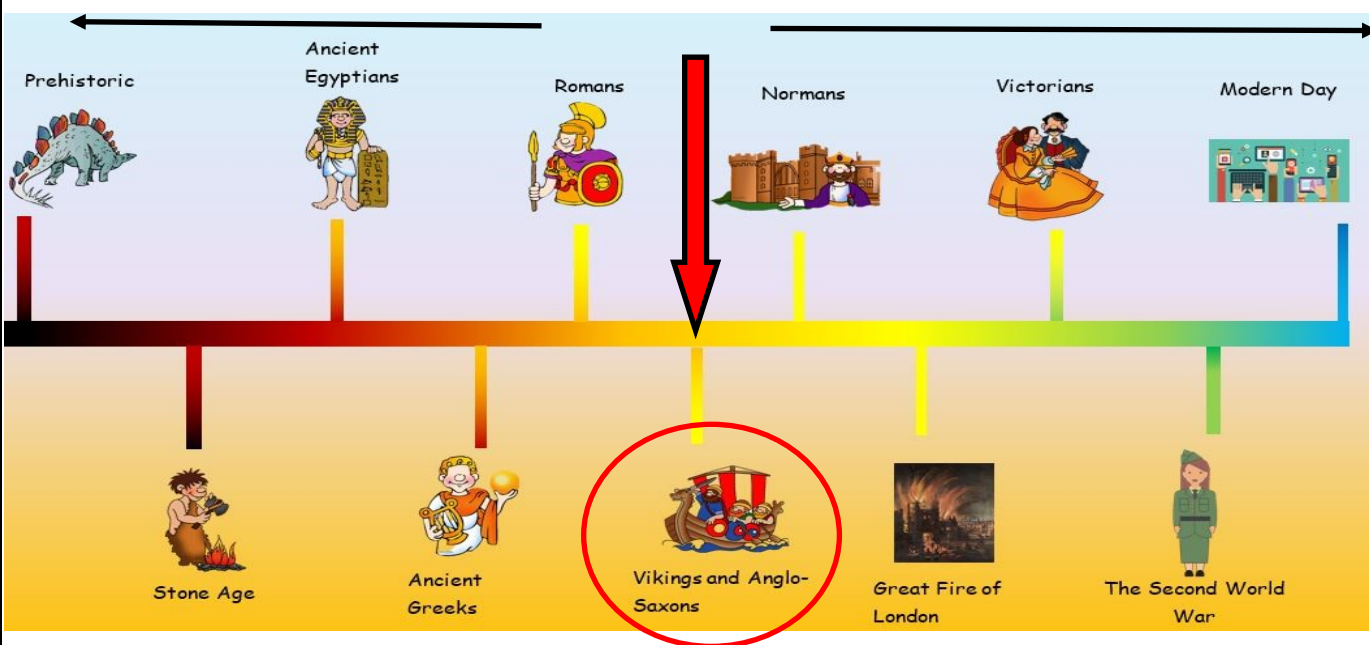
The **Anglo-Saxons** built many churches in **Britain**. Some people believe they first built the **church** in **Chulmleigh**.



Chronology

These things all came **BEFORE** the Anglo Saxons

These things all came **AFTER** the Anglo Saxons



What were Anglo Saxon houses like?

Anglo Saxon houses were made using **wattle and daub**.

There were plenty of forests in Britain at this time so wood and **thatch** were used to build many houses.

There was only one room in the house and they were built facing the sun to get as much heat and light as possible.

Houses would have a fire on a stone in the middle which would make the hall very smoky.

The floor would be covered with **rushes** from river banks. Sometimes **cattle** would be kept inside the house!



Question 1: Put these ages in order using the numbers 1-4.	
Anglo-Saxon Britain	
Ancient Britain	
Roman Britain	
Ancient Greece	

Question 4: Explain why Augustine was sent to Anglo-Saxon Britain

Question 2: Give two reasons why many tribes decided to invade Britain after the Romans left.

Question 5: Tick all the things you might find in an Anglo-Saxon house	
Brick Walls	
Wattle and Daub Walls	
Oxen	
Glass Windows	

Question 3: What was the name given to the Anglo-Saxons who weren't Christians?	
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Question 6: How do we know Chulmleigh was built in Anglo-Saxon times?