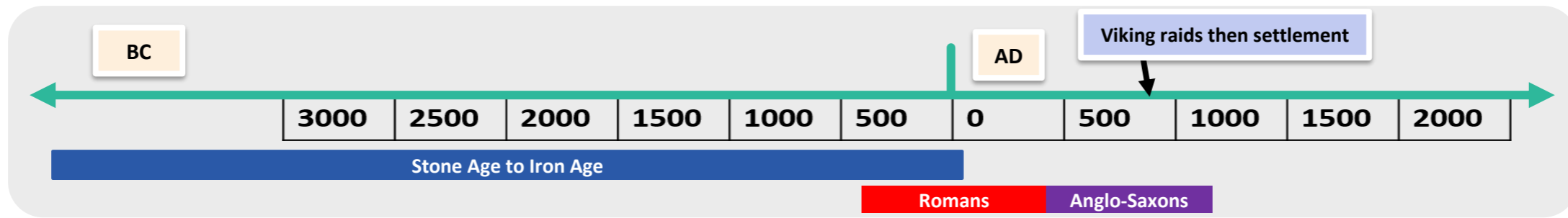


The Anglo-Saxons: Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?



10 Key Takeaways

Everyone Must Know:

1. The Anglo-Saxons had started to raid Britain before the Romans left around 410AD.
2. The Anglo-Saxons started to **settle** in Britain as the country was **fertile**.
3. The Anglo-Saxons came from Germany, Holland and Denmark.

Everyone Should Know:

4. The Anglo-Saxons were originally **pagans**, but they gradually converted to Christianity.
5. Historians called the Anglo-Saxon **period** a 'Dark Age' as they thought it was very different to civilised Roman Britain.
6. The archaeological remains at Sutton Hoo and the Staffordshire **Hoard** tell us a lot about the Anglo-Saxons. They have made historians change their minds about a 'Dark Age'.

5 words to remember

- Hoard:** Hidden treasure stored away
Fertile: A place where plants and crops grow easily
Pagan: A term used for someone who worshipped many gods
Period: A time in history
Settle: To make a home somewhere

The main reason why the Anglo-Saxon period is/is not a Dark Age is:

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Our most important local link to the Anglo-Saxon period is:

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Can you add your location to the map?

The Staffordshire Hoard is one of over 300 Anglo-Saxon hoards found across Britain. 4000 items were found there.



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Sutton Hoo is the largest Anglo-Saxon burial mound in England. This iron helmet was found in the burial chamber.



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