

The Struggle for Power

Long ago, England was home to people called the Anglo-Saxons. They lived in small villages, farmed the land, and built wooden churches. They were mostly peaceful people who liked to tell stories and make beautiful things.

Then came the Vikings! They sailed across the sea from countries like Norway and Denmark in long wooden boats. At first, the Vikings raided Anglo-Saxon villages. They would arrive suddenly, take food and treasure, and sail away again. People were very frightened of them.

The Anglo-Saxon king Alfred the Great was brave and clever. He fought back against the Vikings and stopped them from taking over the whole of England. After many years of fighting, the two groups slowly began to live side by side and even learned from each other.

Questions

1. What were the people already living in England called?
2. Name two things the Anglo-Saxons liked to do.
3. Where did the Vikings come from?
4. What did the Vikings sail in?
5. What did the Vikings take when they raided villages?
6. How did Anglo-Saxon people feel when the Vikings came?
7. What was the name of the brave Anglo-Saxon king?
8. What did King Alfred manage to stop?
9. What happened after many years of fighting?
10. Why do you think the Vikings came to raid villages rather than staying in their own country?



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