

Life in Anglo-Saxon Times

The Anglo-Saxons lived in England a very long time ago, over one thousand years back. They came from countries near the sea, like Germany and Denmark, and sailed to Britain in wooden boats.

Anglo-Saxon people lived in small villages. Their houses were made of wood with roofs made from straw, called thatch. Inside, there was just one big room where the whole family ate, slept and kept warm by a fire.

Most people were farmers. They grew vegetables and kept animals like cows, sheep and pigs. Children helped with jobs on the farm.

Anglo-Saxons loved telling stories and listening to music. A special singer called a scop would perform for everyone.

Life was hard, but families worked together and looked after each other.

Questions

1. Approximately how long ago did the Anglo-Saxons come to Britain?
2. Name two countries the Anglo-Saxons came from.
3. Where did Anglo-Saxons like to build their villages?
4. What were their homes built from?
5. What was a fire used for inside the home?
6. How did smoke escape from the house?
7. Name two crops that Anglo-Saxon farmers grew.
8. What materials did Anglo-Saxons use to make jewellery?
9. Which two weekdays are named after Anglo-Saxon gods?
10. Why do you think storytelling and music were especially popular during winter evenings?



Text B Quiz

