

## 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. How long ago did the Anglo-Saxons live?
2. Name one country the Anglo-Saxons came from.
3. How did the Anglo-Saxons travel to Britain?
4. From what material were Anglo-Saxon houses made?
5. What was the straw roof called?
6. How many rooms did an Anglo-Saxon house have?
7. What did most Anglo-Saxon people do for work?
8. Name one animal that Anglo-Saxon farmers kept.
9. What was a special singer called?
10. Why do you think families all slept in the same room?



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