

The early history of Britain

Britain was invaded by different people

THE IBERIANS

They were the first inhabitants of Britain. They came from the Mediterranean area. They left many examples of “**standing stones**” and stone circles like Stonehenge.



THE CELTS

They came from Central Europe. They were tall, fair-haired people. They used iron for their weapons. They had many Gods and their priests, called Druids, used magic arts and human sacrifices.



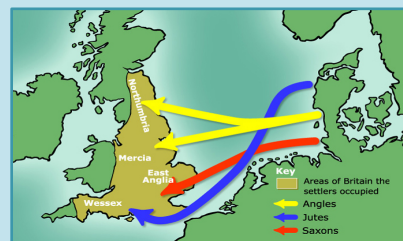
THE ROMANS

They called Britain “**Britannia**”. They built roads and towns (London, York). They never conquered Scotland and built a huge wall between Britain and Scotland: **Hadrian's Wall**.



THE ANGLO-SAXONS

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THE NORMANS

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Activity 1: questions

THE IBERIANS

Who were the Iberians?
Where did they come from?
What did they leave?



THE CELTS

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How were they?
Did they know the iron?
Who were the Druids?



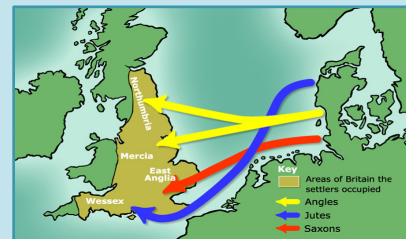
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How did they call Britain?
What cities did they build?
Did they conquer Scotland?
What is the Hadrian's Wall?



THE ANGLO-SAXONS

When did they arrive in Britain?
How was Britain called?
What did they form?
Which languages did they speak?



THE VIKINGS

When did they attack Britain?
Were they good sailors?
Where did they come from?



THE NORMANS

Who crossed the Channel and conquered Britain?
Which is the name of the famous Battle?
Where did they come from?
What did they build?



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Activity 2: fill in the gaps

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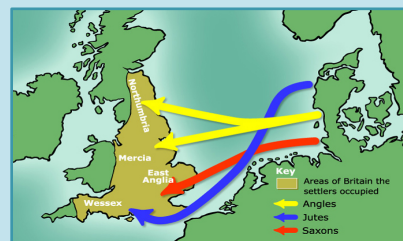
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