

LKS2 - Under Attack!

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Know

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Overview

"Under Attack!" is a thematic unit, based around invaders and settlers with a key focus on history. We begins by looking at the Romans, learning about important Roman figures, their reasons for invading and finding out more about their daily lives. Next, the chronology timeline moves onto learning about the invasion of the Anglo Saxons and their settlement in Britain, followed by the Vikings. We will also learn about sources of evidence and their reliability.

Romans

The Roman Empire began in Rome (modern day Italy) in 753 BC / BCE. They went on to build a huge empire by invading and conquering countries covering much of Europe. The leader, Octavius, appointed himself as Emperor in 27 BC / BCE. Julius Caesar first invaded Britain in 55 BC / BCE and the Roman army eventually took over Britain in 43 AD. They came to Britain because it was rich in natural resources, especially silver, iron and lead. They introduced lots of things we still use today such as the calendar, words in the English language and the design of British coins. They stayed for nearly 400 years!

Anglo Saxons

The Anglo Saxons were tribes from the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark. They fought with the Romans for control over the British Isles and it is thought that they eventually invaded successfully in around 450 AD. It is not really known why these tribes decided to invade Britain but it may well have been because their own lands would flood regularly so they needed somewhere that was drier to grow their crops to feed a growing population.



Vikings

The Vikings came from Denmark, Norway and Sweden and began to attack Britain's East coast in around the year 800 AD. They successfully invaded and ruled a large part of Britain for nearly 200 years. The Vikings controlled most of the northern part of Britain and this is reflected in a lot of place names. Towns and villages ending in "thorpe" or "thwaite" are Viking settlements. It is thought that the Vikings were also seeking better quality land for their animals and crops, as Denmark has very sandy soil, Norway is very hilly and Sweden is covered in thick forests.

What did they do for us?!

Romans

Language, laws and legal system, calendar and census taking

Anglo Saxons

Days of the week names, place names, introduced Christianity to Britain

Vikings

Days of the week names (some are Viking too!), shipbuilding and it is thought the Vikings invented the hair comb in the West – they were very well groomed people, even tweezers and razors have been excavated!

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Vocabulary

Anglo Saxon	a person from Northern Germany, Netherlands or Denmark who lived in Britain before 1066
Archaeology	the study of the past by looking for the remains and objects left by the people who lived long ago
Class system	a system where people were put into classes or groups depending on what kind of family they were born into
Census	an official count of the people who live in a country or other area
Commodity	something that can be bought and sold
Danelaw	a series of laws introduced by the Vikings to Northern Britain
Emperor	the male ruler of an empire
Empire	a group of nations or peoples under one ruler or government
Excavate	to uncover by digging
Invade	to enter as an enemy, by force, in order to conquer or plunder
Plinth	the base or slab supporting a column or statue
Roman	a person who originates from Rome. Even today, people from Rome are called Romans.
Slave	a person who is owned by and forced to work for another with no pay or rights
Viking	sea warriors from northern Europe (around A.D. 700 to 1100)

Concept Flow

- To know where the Romans came from and locate on a map
- To learn about important Roman figures
- To understand why the Romans invaded Britain
- To learn about the Roman legacy e.g. the calendar, language
- To learn about some aspects of Roman daily life
- To know where the Anglo-Saxons came from and locate on a map
- To learn about some aspects of Anglo-Saxon daily life
- To know where the Vikings came from and locate on a map
- To learn about some aspects of Viking daily life
- To understand the main differences between the three groups of invaders



My Notes / Questions