

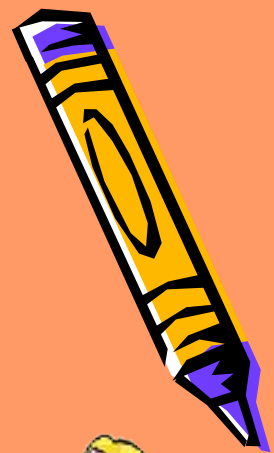
Early invasions of Britain





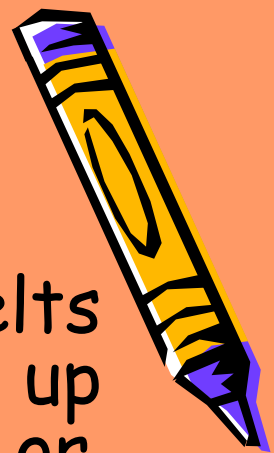
*We are the Little Folk – we!
Too little to love or to hate.
Leave us alone and you'll see
How we can drag down the
State.*

by R. Kipling



I. The Celts

Before the Romans invaded, the Celts ruled Britain. The Celts were divided up into different tribes ruled by kings or chiefs who lived in hill forts. In Celtic Britain there were no towns, as such. Most people were farmers who lived in round thatched houses made from wood. There were no roads either, people would travel on dusty tracks or muddy paths instead. And neighbouring tribes would often quarrel, which sometimes led to vicious battles between them.



II. The Romans



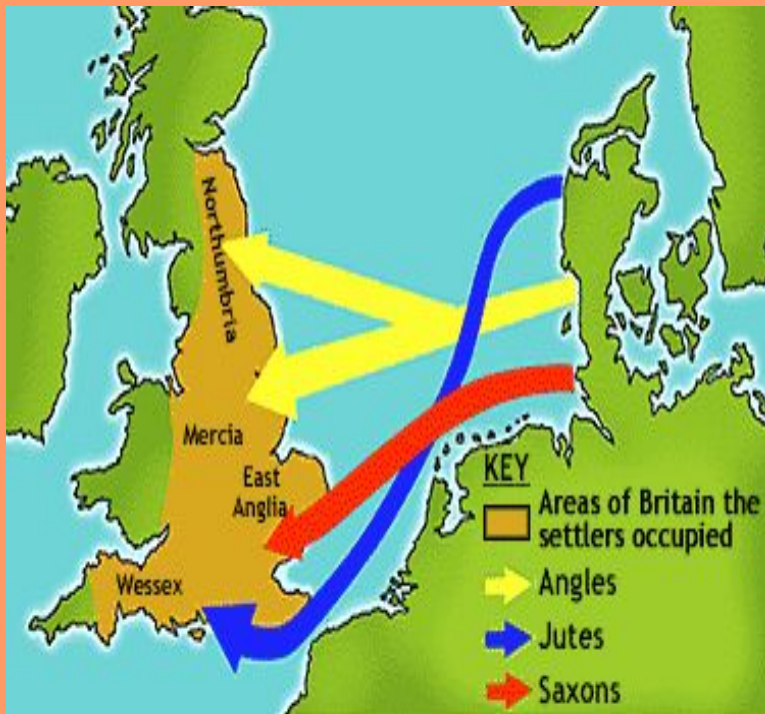
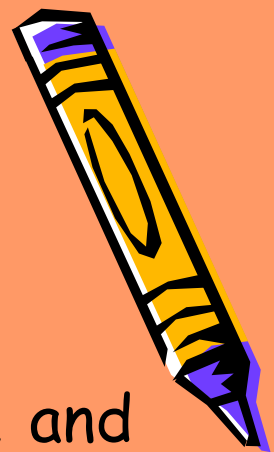
An artist's impression of Julius Caesar



Julius Caesar made two attempts to invade Britain, first in 55 B.C. and then again in 54 B.C. Both times the British warriors and the rotten British weather made his army give up and return to Gallia. Nearly a hundred years later in A.D. 43 the Emperor Claudius sent another army to invade Britain. This time the Romans were successful, Roman Britain had begun!



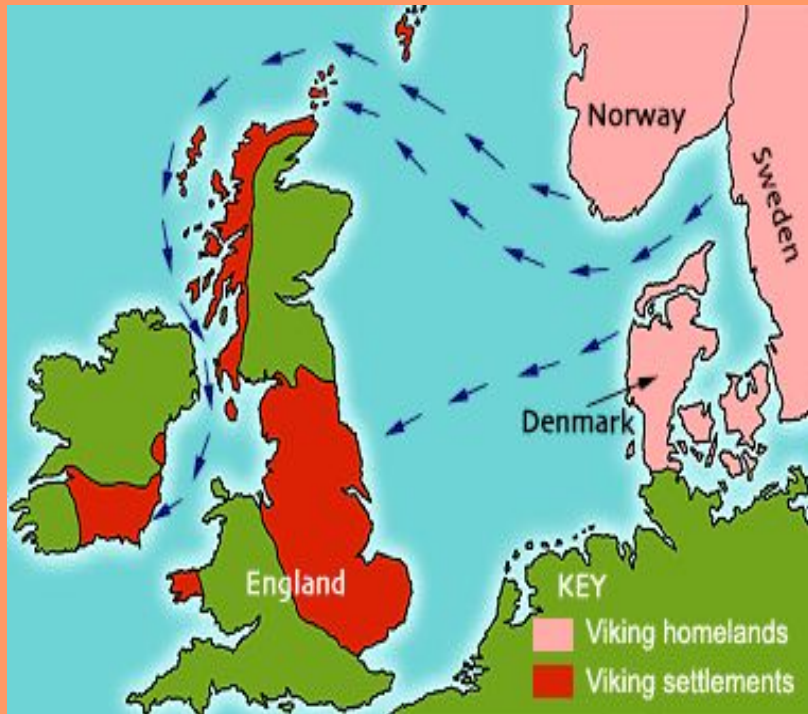
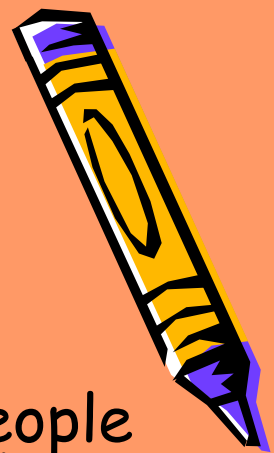
III. The Saxons, Jutes and Angles



- The Angle, Saxon, and Jute tribes who invaded Britain in the 5th and 6th centuries are known as the Anglo-Saxons. They left their homelands in northern Germany, Denmark and northern Holland and rowed across the North Sea in wooden boats.



IV. The Vikings



- The Viking people came from three countries of Scandinavia: Denmark, Norway and Sweden. They were also known as the Norse people. They were mostly farmers, but some worked as craftsmen or traders.

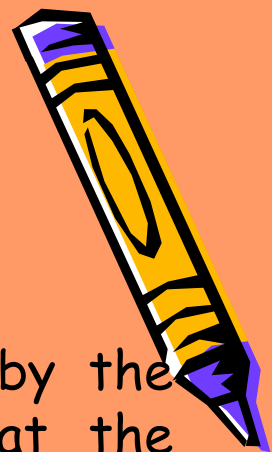


V. The Normans

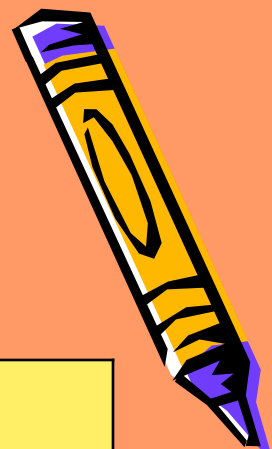


England was invaded by the Normans in 1066, and at the famous Battle of Hastings, King Harold was killed. On 25 December 1066 William of Normandy was crowned king of England.

He was crowned William I (although is more commonly referred to as William the Conqueror) in Westminster Abbey, the burial place of Edward the Confessor, the king from whom William derived his claim to the throne.

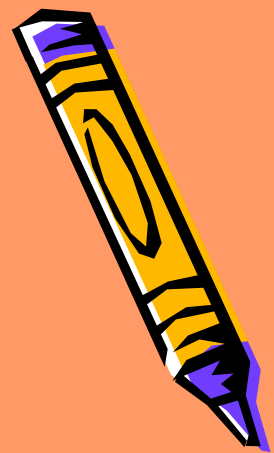


Who? When? Where from?



Who?	When?	Where from?
The Celts	6-3 century BC	Central Europe
The Romans	43 AD	Italy
The Saxons, Jutes and Angles	350 AD	Germany, Holland, Denmark
The Vikings	750 AD	Scandinavia
The Normans	1066	Northern France





The influence of invasions on people and their culture was great, and the languages of invaders had a great effect on English





Words of Germanic origine:

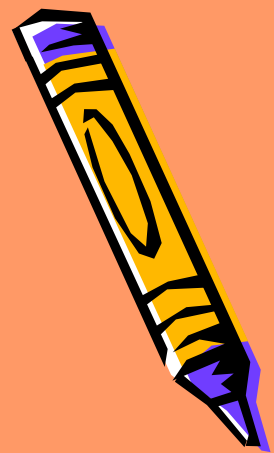
Shoe, clothes, earth, sun,
moon, water, house, friend,
day

Words of Norman-French origine:

Judge, army, power, nation,
crown, court



the British Isles were invaded several times



- The Celts
- The Romans
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- The Vikings
- The Normans The Normans

