



History Topic:

Were the Anglo Saxons really smashing?

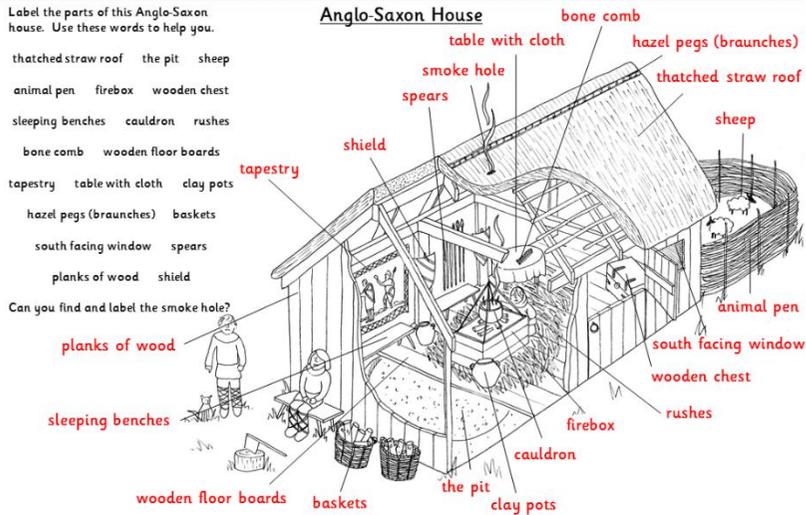
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Label the parts of this Anglo-Saxon house. Use these words to help you.

- thatched straw roof the pit sheep
- animal pen firebox wooden chest
- sleeping benches cauldron rushes
- bone comb wooden floor boards
- tapestry table with cloth clay pots
- hazel pegs (branches) baskets
- south facing window spears
- planks of wood shield

Can you find and label the smoke hole?



Background understanding for teachers and parents

The Anglo-Saxons were a cultural group who inhabited England from the 5th Century. They came from northern Germany and southern Scandinavia. The indigenous British groups adopted many aspects of Anglo-Saxon culture and language. The Anglo-Saxons established the Kingdom of England and the modern English language owes almost half its words to their language. The Anglo-Saxon Britain lasted until 1066 when the Normans conquered Britain.

Key people from the time



Anglo-Saxons - a group of people who immigrated to England from northern German and southern Scandinavia.



King Cnut Cnut the Great, also known as Canute, was king of Denmark, England and Norway, often referred to together as the North Sea Empire during his rule.

Key vocabulary

Anglo-Saxon	Immigrants from northern Germany and southern Scandinavia who came to Britain to live in around 449AD
Dane Law	Laws from the Danes (Denmark) that were adopted in England.
A settlement	A place where people live - from a single dwelling to a city.
migration	Movement from one place to another in order to settle there
pagan	A person who follows a religion that is not a major religion
runes	Alphabet consisting of between 26-33 letters used to write Old English
Settler	People who migrate to a new place. When people start a community, this is a settlement
thatch	The craft of building a roof with dry vegetation such as reeds and straw
wattle-and-daub	The weaving of small wooden branches with mud, straw, horse hair and dung to create walls

Timeline of key events

449AD	Angles and Saxons first arrive in Britain
590s-700AD	Anglo-Saxons convert to Christianity
787AD	Viking invasions begin
878AD	Establishment of the Dane Law
957-975AD	England united under King Edgar
1016AD	Cnut becomes king of England
1016-1042AD	England ruled by Danish kings
1066AD	The Norman Conquest