



HISTORY AD

The term AD stands for 'Anno Domini' which translates to 'the Year of Our Lord'.



Roman Empire

43 - 410

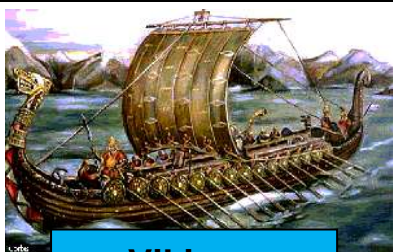
The Roman Empire was the largest empire in the ancient world and its capital was Rome. They developed the best army in the world at that time and ruled by force. The Romans had great engineering. They built many large public buildings, aqueducts to carry water, bridges and roads. The Romans enjoyed entertainment such as chariot races, gladiator fighting and theatre performances.



Anglo Saxons

410 to 1066

The Anglo Saxons invaded Britain when the Romans left. They came to Britain from Europe and were made up of 3 tribes. The Anglo-Saxons didn't like the stone houses left by the Romans so they built their own houses out of wood and straw. Many towns and villages still carry their Anglo-Saxon names today, including "England" which comes from the Saxon word "Angle-Land".



Vikings

793 to 1066

The word Viking means 'a pirate raid'. The Vikings would board their long ships (up to 37m long) and head across water to invade new lands. They had the reputation of being bloodthirsty but some wanted to settle as farmers, growing crops and keeping animals. In 1066 we saw the end of the Viking era when King Harold Godwinson defeated them. This battle is known as the Battle of Hastings.



Victorians

1837 to 1901

The Victorian era was during the reign of Queen Victoria who ruled for 64 years. It was a tremendous time of change for British people. Factories, machines and railways were built. The population of people living in Britain more than doubled. If you were poor, you would often live and work in the workhouse. Many children worked in dangerous conditions competing jobs such as fixing machines in factories or sweeping chimneys. Up until 1891 families had to pay for their children to go to school.



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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. How long did Queen Victoria reign for?
2. Up to what length could Viking long ships be?
3. Where does the name 'England' come from?
4. What entertainment did the Romans enjoy?
5. What year was paying for school abolished?
6. Which King led the Battle of Hastings?
7. What were Anglo Saxons houses built from?
8. In what time period did the Romans live?
9. What does the word Viking mean?
10. Which was the earliest time period? The Anglo-Saxons, the Romans or the Vikings?