Year 4 Term 2 Week 4

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Anglo-Saxon and Scots Invaders

By around 410 BCE, the last of the Romans had left Britain to go back to Rome and England was left to look after itself for the first time in about 400 years. Emperor Honorius told the people to fight the Picts, Scots and Saxons who were attacking them, but the Brits were not good fighters.

1) By when had the last Romans left Britain?

2) What groups of people were attacking England around the time the Romans left?

The Scots, who came from Ireland, invaded and took land in Scotland. The Scots split Scotland into 4 separate places that were named Dal Riata, Pictland, Strathclyde and Bernicia. The Picts (the people already living in Scotland) and the Scots were always trying to get into England. It was hard for the people in England to fight them off without help

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from the Romans. The Picts and Scots are said to have jumped over Hadrian's Wall, killing everyone in their way.

3) Where did the Scots come from?

4) Name the four separate places that the Scots split Scotland into.

5) Why was it hard for the people in England to fight off the Scots and Picts?

The British king found it hard to get his men to stop the Picts and Scots. He was worried they would take over in England because they were excellent fighters. Then he had an idea how he could keep the Picts and Scots out. He asked two brothers called Hengest and Horsa

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from Jutland to come and fight for him and keep England safe from the Picts and Scots.

6) Who did the British king ask for help?

Hengest and Horsa did help to keep the Picts and Scots out, but they liked England and they wanted to stay. They knew that the people in England were not strong fighters so they would be easy to beat. Hengest and Horsa brought more men to fight for England and over time they won. However, men from other countries also wanted to take over in Britain and they attacked too. These invaders are called the Anglo-Saxons because the two biggest groups were called the Angles and the Saxons. Other invaders were the Jutes, Franks and Frisians. They came from Germany, Holland and Denmark.

7) Which two groups of people are the Anglo-Saxons named after?



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