

Year 4 Anglo Saxon Topic optional homework tasks

Step back in time to the world of warriors, weavers, and writers! Choose any of the tasks below to explore the life and culture of the Anglo-Saxons.

	<p>1. The Village Architect</p> <p>Anglo-Saxon houses were made of wood with thatched roofs.</p> <p>Task: Build a model of an Anglo-Saxon 'grub-hut' (sunken house) or a longhouse.</p> <p>Challenge: Use natural materials like sticks, straw, and mud (or just cardboard and craft supplies).</p>	<p>2. Riddle Master</p> <p>Anglo-Saxons loved "Kenning" poems and tricky riddles to entertain each other in the mead hall.</p> <p>Task: Write three of your own riddles about everyday objects.</p> <p>Example: "I have a neck but no head, I wear a cap but have no hair. What am I?" (A bottle).</p> <p>Challenge: Can you write a 'Kenning' for a ship? (e.g., "Wave-floater").</p>
<p>3. Illumination Artist</p> <p>Monks spent years hand-writing beautiful books with 'illuminated' first letters.</p> <p>Task: Design the first letter of your name in the style of the <i>Lindisfarne Gospels</i>.</p> <p>Challenge: Use intricate knots, snake-like patterns, and bright colors (gold, red, and blue).</p>	<p>4. Become a Runemaster</p> <p>The Anglo-Saxons used an alphabet called 'Futhorc' made of straight lines (runes).</p> <p>Task: Use a Runes key to write a secret message or your name.</p> <p>Challenge: Write your message on a "stone" made of salt dough or cardboard.</p>	<p>5. Sutton Hoo Treasure Hunter</p> <p>In 1939, a massive ship burial was found at Sutton Hoo, filled with gold and jewels.</p> <p>Task: Draw the famous Sutton Hoo helmet.</p> <p>Challenge: Label the different animals hidden in the patterns (can you find the dragon?).</p>
<p>6. Daily Life Diary</p> <p>Imagine you are an Anglo-Saxon child for a day.</p> <p>Task: Write a diary entry about your chores, what you ate, and where you slept.</p> <p>Challenge: Mention your fear of the "Wergild" (the man-price) or your hope for a good harvest.</p>	<p>7. The Weaver's Craft</p> <p>Clothing was made by hand using wool and natural dyes from plants.</p> <p>Task: Try a simple weaving activity using a piece of cardboard with notches and some colourful yarn.</p> <p>Challenge: Can you use "natural" colours like browns, greens, and yellows?</p>	<p>8. Map the Seven Kingdoms</p> <p>England was divided into seven kingdoms (The Heptarchy), such as Wessex, Mercia, and Northumbria.</p> <p>Task: Create a map of Anglo-Saxon England and colour in the different kingdoms.</p> <p>Challenge: Find out which kingdom you would be living in today!</p>