

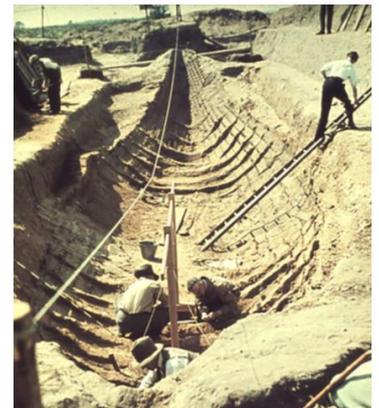
## 6/1/21 History Lesson 1

To start our topic about Anglo-Saxons, we are going to try and solve an Anglo-Saxon mystery.

In Suffolk, there is a place called Sutton Hoo, where there are eleven mysterious mounds of earth. Archaeologists were interested in the mounds, because they looked like they might have had people buried in them long ago. In 1939, archaeologists were given permission by the owner to dig up the largest of the mounds. What they discovered was amazing!



Inside the mound, they found the remains of a huge, wooden ship. Although the wood had rotted over time, the shape of the ship was very clear to see. The ship had been used as part of somebody's burial, probably because people thought it gave the owner the best chance of reaching the afterlife.



Right in the middle of the ship was a burial chamber. The remains of a body could no longer be seen, but scientists later tested the chemicals in the soil to confirm that there had once been a body there. In the chamber was also a hoard of treasures that had been buried with the body.

There was no information to say exactly who had been buried there. One thing was certain - people had gone to a lot of trouble to make this burial a very special one. Most ordinary people in Anglo-Saxon times were simply cremated.

But what kind of special person was he?

**A great king? A Christian missionary? A brave soldier?**

### Task

Use these artefacts to decide which special person was in the tomb.

	<p>Helmet: expensive, protective and highly decorated</p>
	<p>Coins: dating to some time around AD 625 and probably part of a treasure collection</p>
	<p>Bowls &amp; Spoons: made from silver and decorated with crosses and a reference to St Paul, an important character from the Bible</p>
	<p>Sceptre: a long stick held by powerful people This one had Anglo-Saxon gods carved into it.</p>
	<p>Sword: a sharp iron blade decorated with expensive materials</p>
	<p>Hanging Bowl: a large bronze vessel that would have been used in a great hall for washing hands at feasts</p>

## TASK 1

Write these three people's titles and next to each one write the name of the object next to the person to whom it most likely belonged.

REMEMBER: An object could belong to more than one person e.g. a sword could belong to a king and soldier

*A great king*

*A Christian missionary*

*A brave soldier*

The person with the most objects is likely to be the one in the mound.

## TASK 2

Copy and complete this sentence.

*I think the person buried at Sutton Hoo was a . . . ., because a . . . would . . . Moreover, a . . . would . . . Furthermore, a . . . would . . . Lastly, a . . . would . . .*