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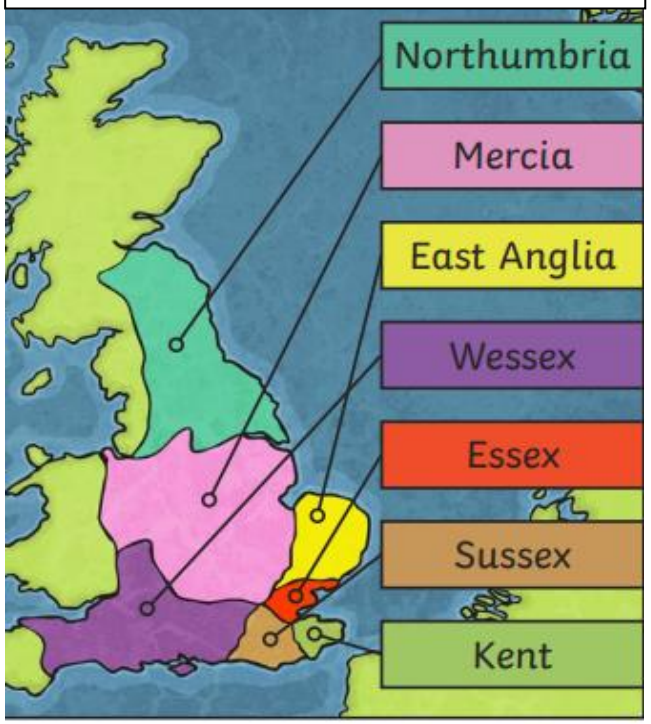
Was the Anglo – Saxon period really a dark age?

RISING STARS History

Key Vocabulary	
Anglo – Saxons	a group of farmer-warriors who lived in Britain over a thousand years ago. Made up of three tribes called the Angle, Saxon, and Jute tribes.
Dark Age	a period where there are fewer surviving materials than periods that came before or after.
fertile	a place where plants and crops grow easily.
archaeological evidence	physical artefacts and remains from the past that provide insights into humans and cultures.
pagan	someone who follows the Paganism religion and worships many gods and goddesses.
invade	to enter another country with an army, usually to try and gain control.

Most of Britain was divided into seven Anglo - Saxon kingdoms.



Key Facts
You can learn about the Anglo – Saxons from the story 'Beowulf'.
Anglo – Saxons were originally Pagan but gradually converted to Christianity.
The Anglo-Saxons spoke Old English, which is the earliest form of the English language.
Alfred the Great was an Anglo-Saxon king. He is best known for building the Kingdom of England and making peace with the Vikings.
Sutton Hoo is one of the largest and best - preserved archaeological sites for the Anglo -Saxons found in Britain.

