



Questions for Unit 4 (Anglo–Saxons and Vikings)

1. How did England become English?
2. What (and when) was the Synod of Whitby?
3. What are some of the linguistic clues you can use to establish whether the name of a town in the U.K. is of Celtic, Roman, Anglo-Saxon, or Viking origin?
4. Briefly compare the Romans, the Anglo-Saxons, and the Vikings in terms of i) their social organization and ii) their level of technological development.
5. Explain the terms *Northumbria*, *Mercia*, *Wessex*, *Bretwalda*, *Danelaw* and *Danegeld*. Who were Horsa and Hengist? Who was Alfred? Who was Canute?
6. Briefly describe the feudal system of production, and contrast it with that of antique slave societies and later capitalist societies.

