



When - Timeline of key events

54BCE	Julius Caesar's first invades Britain.	731CE	Bede completes ecclesiastical history.
43CE	Roman army lands in Britain. Successful invasion and settlement by Claudius.	757CE	Offa becomes king of Mercia.
122CE	Construction of Hadrian's wall.	793CE	Viking attack on Lindisfarne.
306 CE	Constantine proclaimed emperor in York.	865CE	Great Viking army from Denmark invaded England.
406 CE	Suevi, Alans, Vandals and Bergundians attack Gaul, and break contact between Rome and Britain. Remaining Roman army in Britain mutinies.	866CE	Danes capture York (Jorvik) and make it their kingdom.
409CE	Britons expel Roman officials and fight for themselves.	876CE	Vikings from Denmark, Norway and Sweden settled permanently in England.
410CE	Last Romans leave Britain.	886CE	King Alfred 'the Great' defeated the Vikings but allowed them to settle in Eastern England. The beginning of Danelaw.
430CE	First Christian church in Britain is built in Whithorn, Scotland.	927CE	The kingdoms of England were united by King Æthelstan. Wessex ruled the other kingdoms.
450CE	German Saxons settle in Kent.	954CE	The whole of England under Anglo-Saxon control after Eric Bloodaxe, Viking ruler of Northumberland, is expelled from Jorvik.
570CE	Heptarchy emerges in England.	1013CE	The Danes conquered England. Æthelred fled to Normandy
597CE	St Augustine brings Christianity to England from Rome	1016CE	Dane, King Cnut becomes the King of England
600CE	First Law Code written in English in Aethelbert's kingdom in Kent	1042CE	Saxon, Edward the Confessor becomes king.
613CE	Northumbrian kings rule over most of England	1066CE	Edward the Confessor dies. Battle of Stamford Bridge and Battle of Hastings.