

History

Place Names

In History, you have studied different people who settled within Britain. This week's task is to look for evidence of where people such as the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings settled using clues from the names of the places.

Look at the place name endings cards which show if a place was settled by the Romans, Anglo-Saxons or Vikings.

Look at the map (on the next slide) to find place names with these endings. Add the place names that you find to the correct column on the table (slide 3). What did you notice about the settlements?

Throughout Britain, we tend to find that Roman place names occur throughout most of England but get rarer the further north and west you go towards Scotland and Wales. Most Saxon place names occur in the south and middle of England and often when they are inland they are close to a river. Viking place names tend to be in the north of England and again either along rivers or by the coast.

Viking Place Names

..bar (gate) ..beck (small stream)
...by (farmhouse) ..dale (valley)
..force (waterfall) ..kirk (church)
..thorpe (small village) ..gate (road)
..thwaite (clearing in a forest)

Anglo-Saxon Place Names

...borough, burgh (fort) ...dene (valley)
feld, field (field) ...ham (farm)
... ton (farmstead)
...wick (farmstead)
...ley, ..lea, leigh (clearing in a forest)
...worth (land with a hedge round it)
ford (shallow river crossing)

Roman Place Names

...chester
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If you would like to find out more about the Anglo-Saxons, take a look at BBC Bitesize:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm/articles/zq2m6sg>



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Add the place names to the columns above.

What did you notice from the completed table or where the places were found on the map?