

Today, we are going to explore the Anglo-Saxon warriors and their weaponry.

Starter:

Starter: Categorise the weapons into current, Anglo-Saxon, Roman, and Ancient Egypt.

Current

Anglo-Saxon

Roman

Ancient Egypt



Who do you think the Anglo-Saxon warriors were?

The warriors were normal people, often farmers, with little/no experience.

Anglo-Saxon armies were small and only included a few hundred men!

The Anglo-Saxon army was known as the Fyrd.

The Fyrd was made up of all fit free men between the ages of 15 and 60

How is this different to modern times?

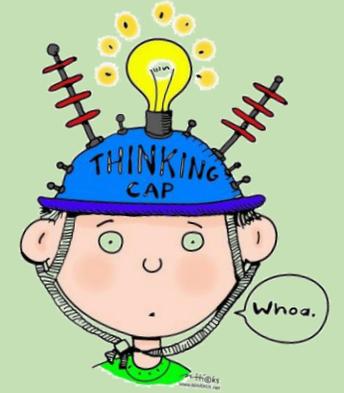
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Follow this link to meet an Anglo-Saxon warrior!



What weapons did they use?

They carried spears, axes, swords, and bows and arrows. They wore helmets and carried shields that were usually made of wood. The most common Anglo-Saxon weapon was a spear, the most feared weapon was a battle-axe, and the most precious was a sword. It took hours for a blacksmith to craft an iron sword into shape. For close combat, Anglo-Saxon warriors used a type of knife, called a scramasax.



The Fyrd:

Within the Fyrd, there were different types of people.

The Ceorls (Peasants): They were not often used in battle. They were armed with mainly far implements and little or no protective clothing.

Huscarls: They were the elite of the Anglo-Saxon warriors. They were originally the professional soldiers. They were heavily armed and well protected.



What does elite mean?

If the Anglo-Saxons were invaded, the King could call upon every free man to join his army.



What is your opinion on the way the army is run?



How would the soldiers' families feel?



I don't think it is fair!

Why doesn't she think it is fair?

Armour: Imagine two different soldiers standing in front of you!

This person has an iron helmet and an iron chainmail.



This person is wearing their own clothes and a wooden shield.



🤔 Why are they wearing different things?

🤔 Are they both warriors? Explain your answer.

The armour the warriors used was often collected from their own lives. For example, the knives and hunting tools they used at home would often be taken to battle. Therefore, the difference between rich and poor in the army was very noticeable.

Poor warriors



Rich warriors

