

History
The fight for land
Book: Anglo-Saxon Raiders and Settlers
Pages 34-39

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Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book Anglo-Saxon raiders and settlers.

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In this segment, we are going to take a look at Anglo-Saxon battles to stay powerful by King Offa and King Alfred.

You will need to go to pages 34-35 of the book.

Part 1

Why did kings need to go to war during Anglo-Saxon times? What was the main purpose for King Offa's dyke? Why didn't the advances made by Mercia under King Offa last very long?

Answer ...

Now turn to pages 36-37

Part 2

In the time of King Alfred, Anglo-Saxon lands in Britain were invaded by Vikings. Although the Vikings won many battles, King Alfred eventually defeated them. What tactics did he use to do this? Why is he called Alfred the Great?

Answer ...

You will need to go to pages 38-39 of the book.

Part 3

What was a burh? Why did King Alfred build burhs? Look on a map - can you find a place near where you live that was once a burh? How do you know it was a burh?

Answer ...

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