

WALT Investigate the reasons why the Anglo-Saxons wanted to settle in Britain

You will need a pen and paper to complete
the activities

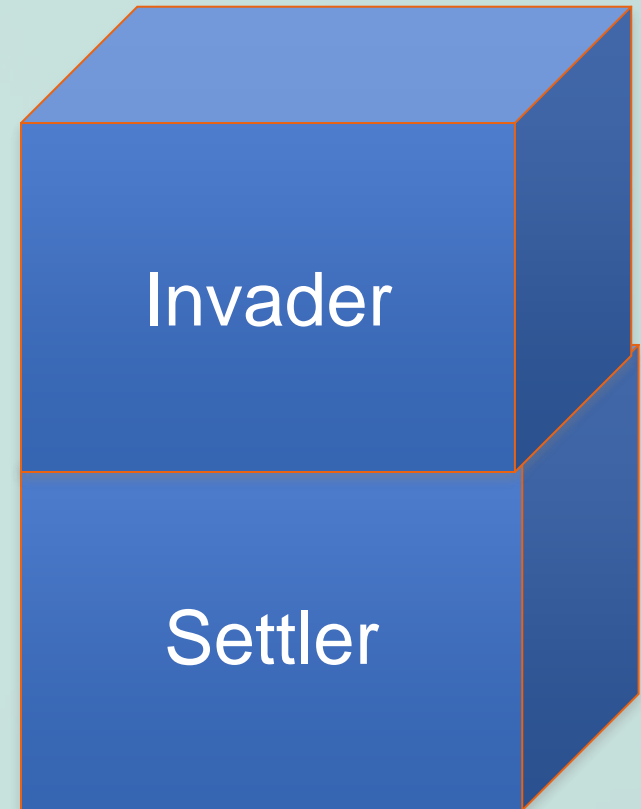
Invaders & Settlers

Invaders are people who try to enter a land by force and settlers are people who go to new places with the intention to move in and live there.

Not all invaders are also settlers and not all settlers have invaded. Can you think of a reason that someone might:

- Invade but not settle?
- Settle without having invaded?

At various stages of British history people invaded the country and then settled, like the Anglo-Saxons did.



A different example of a people who invaded Britain and then settled here was the Romans

Think back to our topic 'When in Rome'.

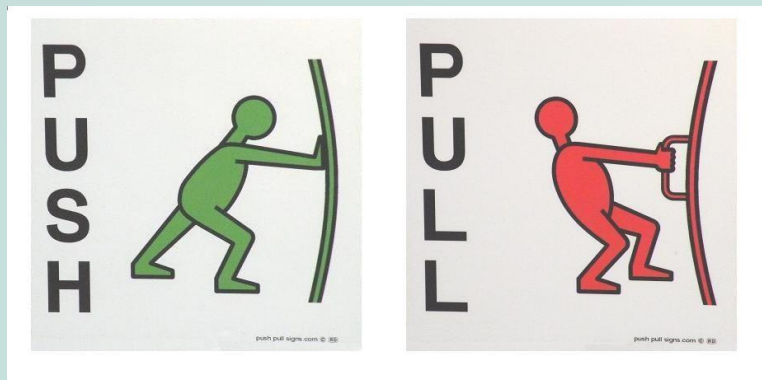
The Romans invaded for different reasons, including access to Britain's natural resources such as corn, wool and tin (a 'pull' factor), but also to punish Britain for supporting the Gauls against them in wars in France.

They settled in Britain because of the excellent farming land and resources and in order to have more living space for their citizens (a 'push' factor).



Push & Pull

Can you think of any reasons why people might want to move to a new country?



There were lots of reasons that the Anglo-Saxons wanted to be settlers in Britain. **Some of the reasons were pull factors, that ‘pulled’ them to the new land because of good things about Britain.**

Others were push factors, that ‘pushed’ them away from their own countries and made them want to find new places to live.

Push & Pull

Have a look at some of the reasons for the Anglo-Saxons choosing to settle in Britain. Which of them are push and which are pull factors? Make a table to show the push and pull factors.



Bad floods
at home


Good
farmland in
Britain

No Roman
army left to
defend
Britain

Too many
wars at
home

Not much
space left at
home

The kings in
Britain will pay
money to the
warriors who
come to help
them



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Letters from the King

British kings really did pay warriors from other tribes to come and help them defend their land. With the Romans gone, many kings felt vulnerable to attack and were willing to look abroad for help.

Your task: imagine that you are British king Vortigern, who really wants the Anglo-Saxon tribes to come to Britain to help to fight against other raiders, like the Picts who were attacking from the north.

You will need to convince the Anglo-Saxons to come to Britain by writing a **persuasive letter** explaining the reasons it would benefit them. What can Britain offer? Remind them of the **push and pull factors** that might persuade them to move from their own homes and come to live in Britain.



To the Angles, ~~saxons~~ and ^{Jutes} ~~but~~

I am writing to you to ask for warriors to help me invade Britain. The reason I ask is because Britain rains a lot and it is very good for crops and makes them more fertile. Also no one is protecting the land because the Romans have left.

It would be great for you and your fellow tribes to unite and take over the land. To move somewhere away from all these wars and move to a land of peace would absolutely make the whole population happy.

The floods at home would really mess up your crops and farmland. There are also lots of farm ~~and~~ animals. So there are tons of fresh meat.

And so far, there have been no other invaders trying to grasp Britain into their hands so write a letter to me when you have decided with your kingdom.

An example