



Anglo Saxons

LC: Can I understand the importance of Sutton Hoo?

How do we know what has happened in Anglo Saxon times?

We know about Anglo Saxon history because..

What are archaeologists?

Archaeologists are people who discover the past by looking for clues in the ground.

Archaeologists
Records from monks
past over time



One of the most recent finds they found on the Anglo Saxons was the Saxon Hoard!

The **Staffordshire Hoard** is the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver metalwork yet found. Discovered in a field near the village of Hammerwich, near Lichfield, in Staffordshire, England, on 5 July 2009, it consists of over 3,500 items that are nearly all martial in character and contains no objects specific to female uses



But today we will be learning about the most famous archaeological discovery!

Whilst watching the video can you make notes on what Sutton Hoo is?
What did they find?

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Sutton Hoo

The ghostly story of Sutton Hoo

The ship that was found is also known as the 'ghost ship' due to the story behind its discovery. In 1938, the owner of the land Edith Pretty began to have dreams about the site. One evening, she had a very vivid dream in which she saw and heard a funeral procession to mound number 1, and she became convinced that there was treasure buried beneath. Several days later, she saw a ghostly figure of a warrior standing on the mound.

She persuaded an archaeologist to come and have a look at the mounds. He did not want to start digging mound number 1 as it was too big and so he decided to dig number 3 which was much smaller and so easier to dig properly. He found a few small items but it appeared that grave robbers had been there many years earlier. The same was true of mounds 2 and 4. Eventually, a year later in 1939 he began to dig mound 1 where Edith had sensed there was treasure. Beneath the mound he uncovered the biggest and richest ship burial ever discovered. If it hadn't been for Edith's dreams and ghostly sightings, the treasure would never have been found!!



What is Sutton Hoo?

On a small hill above the river Deben in Suffolk is a field, covered with grassy mounds of different sizes. For several hundred years what lay under the mounds remained a mystery.

About 66 years ago, an archaeologist called Basil Brown started digging under the mounds.

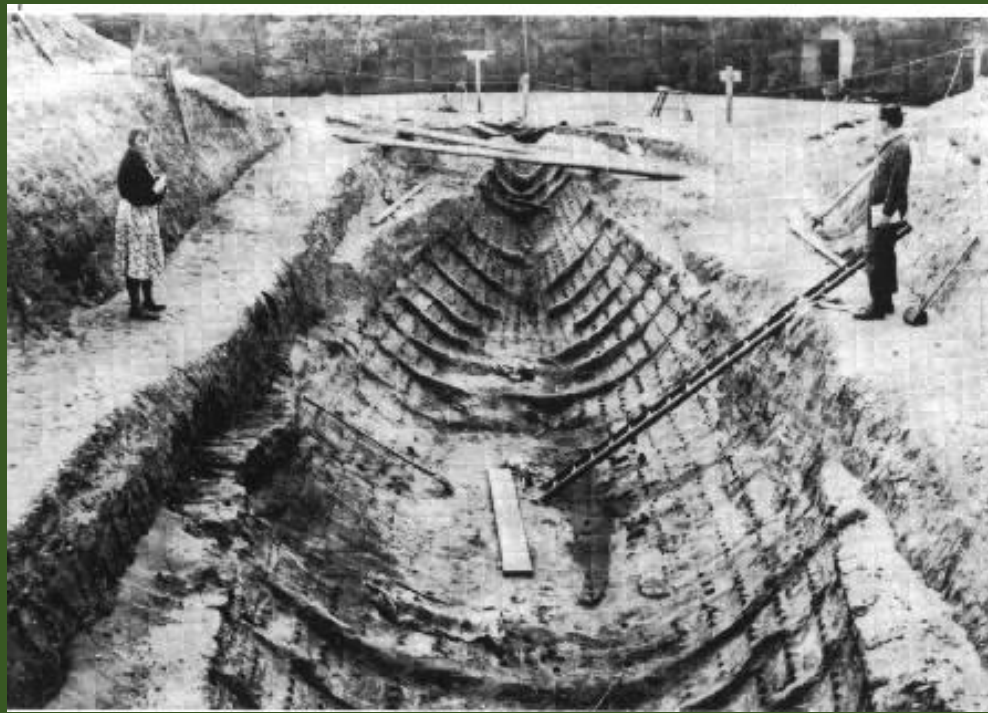




Archaeologists in 1939

Archaeologists in 2000





The ship was 89 feet long. This is the same as 15 tall men lying down! It would have taken about 20 oarsmen on either side to row it! A hut was built in the middle of the ship and the coffin and treasures placed inside. The ship was then completely covered with a mound of earth.



The ship would have been dragged from the river to where the mounds are - it was quite a distance and would have needed hundreds of men!

What did they find?

Among the gold, silver and iron was a sword, a shield and this warrior's helmet, probably the most famous of all Anglo-Saxon museum treasures.



eyebrows and



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TASK-

I can understand how archaeology is important

Independently can you create a mind map poster which explains the discovery of Sutton Hoo? EXTENSION- Can you explain how finding this has lead us to learn more about the Anglo Saxons?

Who discovered
Sutton Hoo?

In 1939 an
archaeologist called...
She dug at mound 1
because she had.....



What did they
find at Sutton
Hoo?

As archaeologists
dug deeper into the
ground they found
a.....
Which held.....

Sutton Hoo

What is Sutton Hoo?
Where is it?

Sutton Hoo is an....
It is located.....

Who do
archaeologists
believe owned these
objects?

How big was the
ship?

The ship they
discovered was...