

## HA Resource Hub Submission Form

**Resource Title: Saxons**

**Age Range: 7-11 yrs (KS2)**

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**Resource Details:**

**Home Learning Hub (designed for home learning)**

Video: Beowulf story telling P.1

Video: Beowulf story telling P.2

Video: Beowulf story telling P.3

Video: Saxon Discovery

Video: Saxons

PDF: Saxon Shield Wall Home Learners Pack

PDF: Pioneer Helmet Home Learners Pack

ALL RESOURCES FOUND AT:

<https://royalarmouries.org/learning-resources/home-learning-hub-saxons/>

**Necessary prior learning to complete this:**

None. Only the Beowulf story telling videos must be watched in sequence for the story to make sense. Every other element is 'standalone' and therefore can be used as and when a teacher sees fit.

**What does it lead to next?**

- Video: Beowulf story telling P.1 has a follow up task of drawing and labelling the Grendell monster (historical knowledge, vocabulary, composition, art, design)
- Video: Beowulf story telling P.2 has a follow up task of writing a persuasive speech (historical knowledge, literacy skills)
- Video: Beowulf story telling P.3 has a follow up task of writing a poem (historical knowledge, literacy skills)
- Video: Saxon Discover has a follow up task of writing a story (historical knowledge and literacy skills)
- Video: Saxons has a follow up task of creating a shield wall (historical knowledge, P.E, science: materials) and writing a diary entry of an event (historical knowledge and literacy skills)

Using these resources, there is an overall lead into further research around the Saxons in general, their religion, military history, society structure and artwork.

**Explanation: How should this resource be used?**

These resources were created during the first COVID-19 lock down and therefore were designed for home learning. However, they can easily be used in the classroom too.

Taking pupils through the story of Beowulf and Grendell, the 3 **Beowulf storytelling** videos are a short and snappy way to understand this famous saga whilst also developing their historical understanding, literacy skills and artistic creativity. The video **Saxons** focuses on the famous shield walls that was a key military tactic and famously used in the Battle of Hastings. Designed to get pupils on their feet and actively involved in the history they are studying, as well as encouraging empathy with Saxon people that will lead to literacy tasks. The video **Saxon Discovery** addresses the issue of how we know what we do about the Saxons and primary sources via archaeological finds.

Use the short videos as the starting point of a lesson or at home task. Each video has a 'call to action' at the end which will consolidate the historical knowledge that pupils' have just received, but also further their own imagination and critical thinking in a creative way. Each call to action has been designed to be small and something that can be done with minimal adult supervision for high achieving pupils but easy enough for adults at home/in the classroom to assist those younger or lower achieving pupils without specialist knowledge. Each task has an element of literacy challenge and creativity to ensure continued learning without the loss of fun and engagement.

The activity PDF is designed to further the historical knowledge delivered in the videos as well as more specific information about the arms and armour that the Saxons would have used by using artefacts housed at the Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds. It does not have to be used in conjunction with the videos, but does complement the content and therefore will help with attaining knowledge. The PDF contains 3 tasks that use historical knowledge as a base and then focus on literacy and art skills. Each task could take between 10-60 mins to complete depending on the task and the pupil level.