

# History of England

(briefly)

• has to do with  
"Bayeux Tapestry"  
assignment

- Original people of the  
"British Islands" were  
called...

# Britons

- for example, when Julius Caesar invaded Britannia, he fought the Britons

- when Western Roman Empire was invaded by the barbaric German tribes...

- 2 tribes, the Angles and the Saxons invaded Britannia

- at first they were fought off,

- supposedly King Arthur led the Britons to victory over Saxon invaders in the 6th Century

- eventually these Germanic invaders do conquer Britannia
- through inter-marriage Britannia becomes dominated by Anglo-Saxons
- Britannia becomes "England"
- England is constantly invaded by Vikings (from 750-~900, raiders from Scandinavia)
- Viking ship design allowed them to sail up rivers to attack European cities

- When Vikings start invading France, one of Charlemagne's ancestors tries to bribe them w/ land in NW France

- The Vikings, sometimes called "Northmen, or Norsemen, name this area of France...

Normandy

- Vikings always claim England and much of France as theirs

- Normans invade Anglo-Saxon England in 1066

- they are victorious

- a Norman named William becomes king of England

- through inter-marriage  
England becomes Anglo-Norman  
and France becomes  
Frankish-Norman,  
Britons live in Scotland,  
Wales, and an area of  
France called Brittany
- because of all of this  
future English kings will claim  
France as part of its  
empire (and vice versa)
- England and France  
fight wars w/ each other  
in Europe, and around the

World, for over 700 years  
—most well known conflict...

Hundred Years' War  
1337-1453

- it gets really bad after the 1500's when...

England goes Protestant and France stays Roman Catholic

- however...

England and France unify twice in the 1900's to defeat Germany (both "World" wars)

(actually one of England's greatest military victories occurred at this time...)

1588-Protestant England under Queen Elizabeth I-her English Navy defeats (Catholic) Spanish Armada (navy)

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