

KS1 History Quiz - Invaders of Britain (Questions)

This quiz addresses the requirements of the National Curriculum KS1 History for children aged 5, 6 and 7 in years 1 and 2. Specifically this quiz is aimed at the section dealing with significant events in the history of Britain, in particular, would-be invaders and actual invasions in the past.

Our island, Great Britain, has been the subject of invasions many times in the past. The ancient Roman, the marauding Vikings, the Anglo-Saxons and the Normans were all invaders. Our country has been shaped and changed by the people who have tried to make it their own.

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- Joan of Arc
- Queen Elizabeth
- Queen Anne
- Boudicca

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- The Americans
- The French and the Italians
- The Chinese

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- The farms
- The castles
- The villages
- The monasteries

5. Who were the next invaders after the Vikings?

- The Tudors
- The Stuarts
- The Scots
- The Normans

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- Wales and Italy
- Ireland and Germany
- Spain and Switzerland
- France and Scotland

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- The Army Boats
- The Arthur
- The Armarda

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- Pretty Lord Stuart
- Bonnie Prince Charlie
- Handsome King Eddie
- Attractive Duke Charles

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Caesar's two invasions did not conquer Britain, but did make it a major trading partner of Rome

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Her name can also be spelled 'Boadicea' or 'Boudica'

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The people now called the 'Anglo-Saxons' largely came from Scandinavia and northern Germany

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The first monastery to be raided was at Lindisfarne in 793

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William, Duke of Normandy, led the invasion and this is shown in the famous Bayeux Tapestry

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The invasion was only partially successful

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The fleet consisted of 130 ships

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He was also known as 'The Young Pretender' but the invasion was doomed and ended with the Battle of Culloden

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Napoleon decided to concentrate on invading Egypt instead!

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The invasion was never carried out as Germany had neither the larger air force nor navy that it needed for the job