**Anglo-Saxons**

**King Alfred the Great**

**King of Wessex**

**871 – “Alfred’s year of battles “ against the Danes (Vikings)**

**878 – Victory over the Danes. Treaty of Wedmore. England was divided by a line formed by the river Thames: Danelaw & England**

**He forced the Danes to accept Christianity and live within the frontiers of the Danelaw  (Northern and Eastern England)**

**“King Alfred and the Pancakes” (The story happened while he hid himself in the marshes in Somerset)**

**King Alfred disguised as a singer in the Danish camp**

**Creation of national Army & Navy (Fleet)**

**New Code of laws (legal system)**

**A man of great learning**

**His court became one of the most important scientific and cultural centres of**

**9th century Europe**

**Public schools. He wanted people to be literate.**

**Translation of Bede’s “Ecclesiastical History of British People” and “Pastoral Cares” by Pope Gregory  from Latin into Old English**

**He started Anglo-Saxon Chronicles (a year by year history of England)**

**Construction of monasteries and churches**

**He laid the foundation for the unification of England**

**His main principle was: “Do not do to others what you would not have them do to you”**

**Danegeld (the Dane money)**

**Norsemen=Danes=Vikings**

**Normandy (the land of Norsemen=Normans in the north of France)**

**1020 – King Sweyn of Denmark became the first Danish King of England**

**1013-1042 – Danish royal power triumphed in England. King Canute’s empire included Norway, Denmark and England.**

**Alfred the Great**

**King of Wessex**

**Reigned for 30 years**

**Unification of the country**

**Creation of Royal Navy**

**First public schools**

**Development of Christian monasteries, construction of churches**

**Translation of Venerable Bede’s “Ecclesiastical History of English People” from Latin into English**

**Development of court system, new laws**

**Royal court - one of the most educated courts in Europe**

**Winchester – the capital of the country.**

**Fight against the Vikings (Danes, Norsemen, Northmen)**

**Alfred the Great and the Pancakes**

**Danelaw and  Danegeld**

**Poem “Danegeld” by R. Kipling**