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# St Augustine's Priory History Department

## Summer Project

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

1. For this activity, follow the instructions and order

## 1. Watch this clip to get an overall picture of life in the Anglo-Saxon period.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cKGz-st75w>

feoh - f wealth	ur - u aurochs	ðorn - þ thorn	as - o god?	rad - r riding	cen - c torch	gifu - g gift	wyn - w joy	hegel - h hail	mead - n plight
is - i ice	gear - j harvest	eoh - f yew tree	peorð - p ?	collix - x elk's?	sigel - s sun	ti'ir - t Tiw?	here - h birch tree	eh - e steed	man - m man
lagn - l lake	ing - ŋ Ing	dæg - ð day	eþel - æ estate	ac - a oak tree	æsc - æ ash tree	yr - y ?	ear - en gravesoil?	calc - k ?	gar - g spear

## 2. Runes are an ancient form of writing that the Anglo-Saxons used. Research in the link below.

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/sll/disciplines/english/beowulf/rune.htm>

**Challenge:** write secret messages to classmates and see if they can decode them.

## 3. Research the famous Anglo-Saxon poem, 'Beowulf.' Use the links below and explore elsewhere.

**Watch the series:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgK\\_sunbD6E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgK_sunbD6E)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dc qMp\\_D5pdE&t=367s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dc qMp_D5pdE&t=367s)

**Read this:**

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/sll/disciplines/english/beowulf/beowulfw.htm>

**Challenge → chose one:**

1. **Make a stop animation retelling of Beowulf**
2. **A storyboard or other art of Beowulf**
3. **Any other re-enactment or monologue from Beowulf**

**Feel free to draw inspiration from the clips linked above.**

## 4.

## Riddles

The Anglo-Saxons were famous for their love of riddles. Can you figure any of these out?

crowned in green.

2. I am the yellow hem of the sea's blue skirt.
3. I am the red tongue of the Earth, that buries cities.
4. The Moon is my father, the Sea is my mother; I have a million brothers, I die when I reach land.

**4. Write a series of your own riddles inspired by these Anglo-Saxon ones.**

**5. Research the different Kingdoms of the Anglo-Saxons and make a map illustrated their position across Britain of that time.**

1. A pillar carved from a tree trunk
2. Sand on a beach
3. Lava from a Volcano
4. A wave from the Ocean

### ***More Riddles...***

**1. What has roots as nobody sees,  
Is taller than trees,**

**Up, up it goes  
And yet never grows?**

**2. Thirty white horses on a red hill,  
First they champ,**

**Then they stamp,  
Then they stand still.**

**3. Voiceless it cries,  
Wingless flutters,  
Toothless bites,  
Mouthless mutters.**

1. A mountain
2. Teeth in your mouth
3. The Wind