

Old Literature (858-1100)

People communicated the poems and literary works orally during the period under consideration. Writing was not given much importance.

The Anglo-Saxons were made up of three tribes who came to England through the North Sea route - the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes. The Anglo-Saxon age comprises about 600 years.

Beowulf is one of the most important works of that age. It is an epic poem which throws light on a young warrior in Geatland who fought for his people. It's all about the heroic deeds of the German Warrior which happened apparently in 5th&6th centuries. Beowulf is a 300 line poem and it was probably written 300 years later when 'written texts' came into existence. It was probably completed in the 8th Century.

Norman Conquest: Invasion of the Normans in England in the year 1066. The army consisted of the Norman, Breton and the French which was led by William the Conqueror. They brought the French language to England. French was adopted as the new language for the parliament.

These people were initially sea rovers who inhabited Scandinavia, who later invaded the northern part of France which is until present day known as Normandy. Later they also picked up the French language.