

Vikings vs Anglo-Saxons

Learning Objective:

To find out how and when England became a unified country.



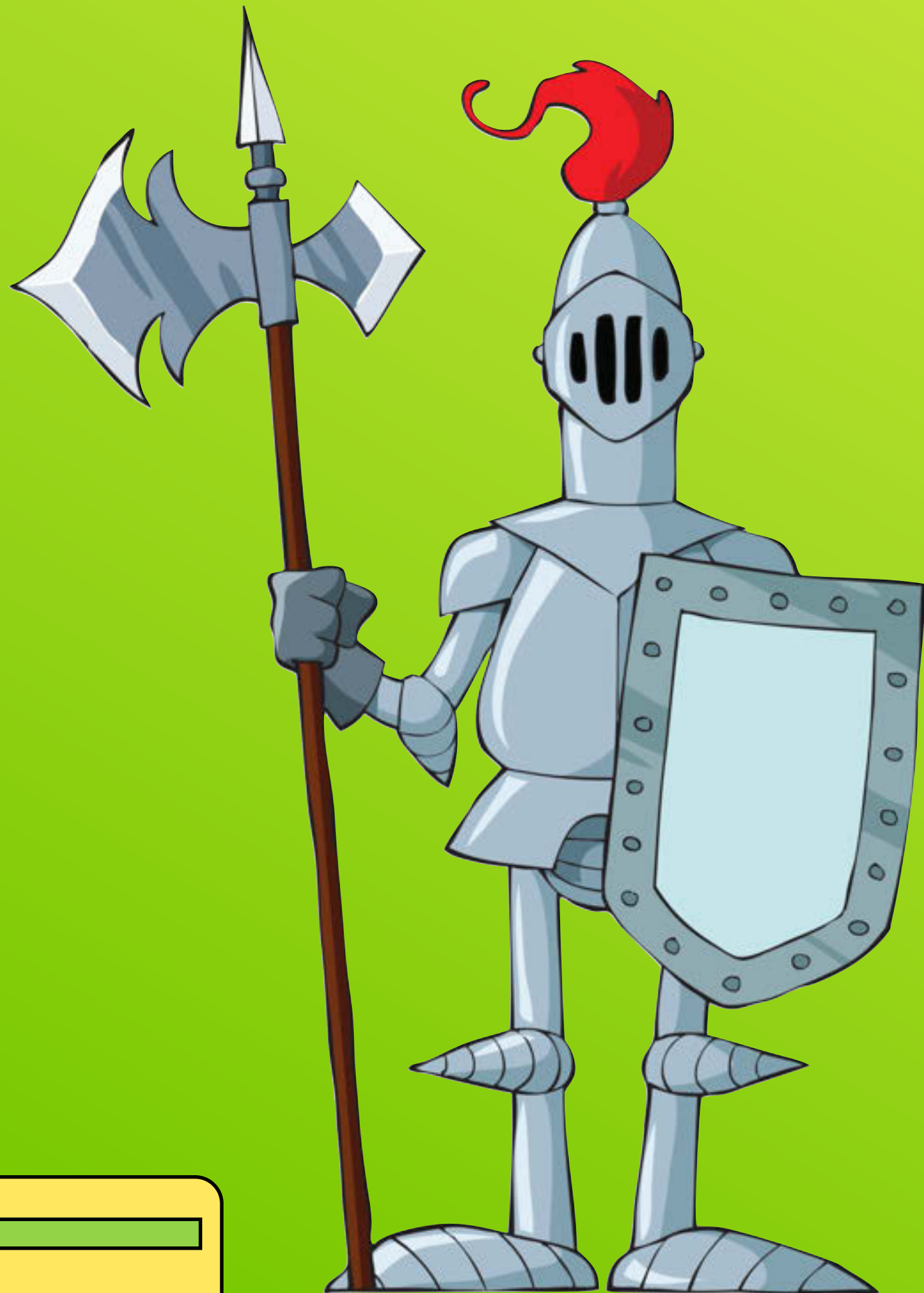
By the 900s, the Anglo-Saxon kings were enjoying a golden age. King Alfred had established peace between the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms and the Danelaw in 886, and the two remained separate and largely peaceful over the coming years.



The court of King Edgar, who ruled from 959 to 975, was admired all over Europe and Anglo-Saxon England was becoming a country that was strong, cultured and prosperous. Edgar was Alfred's great-great-grandson and was also known as Edgar the Peaceful.



However, this golden age was not to last. By 1016, England had become one country, unifying the Danelaw and Anglo-Saxon kingdom, and was under the control of a single Viking king. The territory of England was now established as it still remains today.



Why do you think this might have happened?

How could a prosperous dynasty have ended?



Your task today is to find the answer to this question. To do this, you will need to find out about some key historical figures.

King Edgar

King Edward

Ethelred the Unready

Edmund Ironside

King Cnut

King Sveyn

Have you heard of any of these people? How could we find out about them?

