

History Task for Light & Dark

The Dark Ages

- The 'Dark Ages' started when the [Roman army left Britain](#) and finished when the [Saxons](#) ruled the whole of England.
- From about AD 410 to AD 710.
- This was the time when the [British](#) were [ruling by themselves](#) without Roman help. The Saxons were fighting them and [taking over](#) parts of the country. The [Scots](#) were fighting the [Picts](#) and taking over parts of the country too.
- This period of history is called 'Dark' because, in the past, historians knew very little about it. They couldn't see any information in the darkness!
- We now know lots about this period of history. So some historians don't like the term 'Dark Ages' any more.
- Some people call it 'Post-Roman' or 'Sub-Roman' times. The Romans did not reach some parts of Britain though. So some people call this period 'Late Celtic' or 'Early Christian' times instead. Some people forget about the [Romano-British](#), the Scots & the Picts and just call it 'Early Saxon' times. These terms all mean the same thing.
- In England, the Dark Ages were followed by Middle & Late Saxon Times. In Scotland and Wales, this was just called the Early Medieval Period.

What did you find out from your research about 'The Dark Ages'?