## The Anglo-Saxons at War 800-1066: A History of Conflict and Conquest



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The Anglo-Saxons were a Germanic people who settled in England in the 5th and 6th centuries AD. They established a number of kingdoms that eventually united to form the Kingdom of England. The Anglo-Saxons were constantly at war, both with each other and with their neighbors, the Vikings and the Welsh.

The Anglo-Saxons were skilled warriors, and they developed a number of innovative military tactics. They were also fierce and determined fighters, and they were able to defeat some of the most powerful armies in Europe.

The Anglo-Saxon period was a time of great upheaval and change. The Anglo-Saxons were constantly fighting for their survival, and they faced

many challenges. But they were also able to achieve great things, and they left a lasting legacy on England.

### The Viking Raids

The Viking raids began in the late 8th century AD. The Vikings were a seafaring people from Scandinavia, and they were known for their ferocity and their skill in battle. They raided England for over two centuries, and they caused widespread devastation.

The Anglo-Saxons were initially unable to resist the Viking raids. The Vikings were better equipped and more experienced in battle. But the Anglo-Saxons eventually learned how to fight back. They built fortifications and developed new military tactics. They also formed alliances with each other and with the Welsh.

The Anglo-Saxons eventually defeated the Vikings. In 1066, the Norman Conquest brought an end to the Viking raids.

#### The Battle of Hastings

The Battle of Hastings was fought on October 14, 1066. It was the decisive battle of the Norman Conquest. The Norman army, led by Duke William of Normandy, defeated the Anglo-Saxon army, led by King Harold Godwinson.

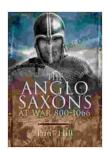
The Battle of Hastings was a close fought battle. The Anglo-Saxons were outnumbered and outmaneuvered by the Normans. But they fought bravely, and they nearly defeated the Normans.

The Norman Conquest had a profound impact on England. The Normans brought with them a new culture and a new system of government. They

also introduced new military tactics and weapons. The Norman Conquest marked the beginning of a new era in English history.

The Anglo-Saxons at War 800-1066 is a comprehensive and engaging account of the military history of the Anglo-Saxon period. It is a must-read for anyone interested in this fascinating period of history.

The Anglo-Saxons were a brave and determined people. They faced many challenges, but they ultimately prevailed. Their legacy lives on in England today.



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