



Tuesday 16th February 2021

Dear Mr Earl & Miss Kendall,

We have been very impressed by the work that your school children have done on Roman Britain and are writing to request your help in calculating the number of migrants who entered Britain during the invasions that followed the Roman period (around 450 AD) in order to inform the production of a new issue of BBC History Magazine entitled “The Dark Ages: The Creation of Britain”. The issue will consider the vast influx of migrants during the invasions of European tribes (such as the Angle, Saxons and Jutes) and how this mass migration established the foundations for modern Britain.

The BBC History Magazine writing staff have included migration figures based on the evidence provided by some of the period’s leading historians. Please ensure you double check your calculations as we, at the BBC, pride ourselves on factually accurate information and any mistakes will be to the detriment of the company and to our audience.

Anglo-Saxon Migration Figures REF:5670021234

	449 AD	450 AD	451 AD	452 AD	453 AD	454 AD	455 AD
Angles	5,300	8,300	9,600	9,600	9,700	7,400	8,400
Saxons	4,600	9,700	8,300	9,200	9,100	4,900	6,500
Jutes	6,700	9,300	1,200	2,600	4,200	2,700	2,200
Frisians	3,200	1,100	1,400	1,500	2,300	1,000	1,700
Franks	2,100	1,100	1,100	3,300	1,200	0	0

The writing staff would like you to calculate the figures for the following areas:

How many people migrated to Britain in 450 AD?	How many Angles arrived in Britain between 449 AD and 455 AD?	Which invasion force brought the most people to Britain between 449 AD and 455 AD – Jutes or Frisians? What was the difference in the number of migrants?	Which invasion forces brought the most people to Britain? Order the invasion forces based on the numbers of people who migrated from smallest to largest.
How many people arrived in the first three years of the decade? How many more or less migrated in the next three years than in the three years? Did migration increase or decrease?	Which year saw the arrival of the most migrants? Order the years from least to most migrants arriving in Britain.	Altogether how many people migrated to Britain during 453 AD? How many more or less was this than the number who arrived in 454 AD?	How many people (in total) migrated to Britain during the migration period?

On behalf of us all at the BBC, we would like to thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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