



After Rome's legions left Briton, the local people (who had relied on Rome's defensive help for centuries) were left to fend for themselves.

They weren't able to do that job very well, so they invited foreigners to help. According to Venerable Bede, the 8th-century English historian:

- Angles came from "Angulus" (near today's Danish-German border);
- Saxons came from the coast between the Elbe and Weser River valleys; and
- Jutes came from "Jutland" (an area in today's Denmark).

At first, Britons were able to pay these people for their services. When that was no-longer possible, because too many foreign "defenders" were arriving in Briton, the foreigners began to take land for their own settlements. This image depicts areas where Anglo-Saxon-Jutes settled in Briton. The settlements became the basis for many of England's still-existing cities.

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