



The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle

Chronicle

- Late ninth century (King Alfred the Great)
- Established literary genre
- Yearly record of events, similar to a diary
- The year 1 AD – 1154 (AD)
- Short or long(er) entries



THE ANGLO-SAXON CHRONICLES



Anglo-Saxon Chronicle

- Collective title for number of chronicles
- Written quite independently by several authors
- Often written about the same events
- Also local events have been recorded
- Some information is not reliable:
 - Dated in the wrong year
 - Based on rumours
- Very important source of knowledge about English history

Christianity

- First based on the works of e.g. Venerable Bede, genealogical lists, possibly oral sources
- Chronicles written by monks
 - Anonymous
 - Business-like manner
- Written in Old English
 - Later entries in Middle English

1066 Battle of Hastings

- Around Michaelmas (feast of St. Michael: 28 or 29 September)
- Around 7000 French soldiers landed on the Sussex coast
- The last time in history that England was successfully invaded
- End to Anglo-Saxon rule, start of Norman rule
- Previous king (Edward the Confessor) had died
- William, **Duke of Normandy** –
William the Conqueror



Peterborough Chronicle

- Written in Old English with hints to Middle English
- Language is something that evolves
- Gives an account of a lot of events that happened:
- Kings at war, the numbers of ships, armies, the victory of William the Conqueror, etc.



Resources

- <https://www.intriguing-history.com/saint-albans-chroniclers/>
- <https://mittelzeit.blogspot.com/2018/12/anglo-saxon-chronicle.html>
- <https://mondes-normands.caen.fr/angleterre/histoires/4/zooms/map4-5-william.htm>
- <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3068396/alfred-the-great-the-last-kingdom-king-realistic/>