

EARLY BRITAIN – CHARACTERS

BRITISH MIDDLE AGES – 54 B.C. TO 800 A.D. ROMAN CONQUEST OF BRITAIN TO FIRST VIKING RAID

ROMAN BRITAIN

- Caswallon** ~ 54 BC Celtic chieftain in Britain who resisted the invasion of Julius Caesar.
Boadicea d. 61 Queen of the Iceni. Led the largest revolt of Celtic Britons against the Romans.

DARK AGES

- Vortigern** ~ 488 King of the Britons. Usurped the throne from rightful heir. Invited Hengist and Horsa to settle Britain.
Sir Galahad ~ 500 Knight of the Round Table. Considered the noblest and worthiest of knights.
Sir Gawain ~ 500 Knight of the Round Table. Famous for his encounter with the Green Giant.
King Arthur 460–510 Legendary king of the Britons.
Sir Perceval ~ 500 Knight of the Round table. Raised in the woods by mother who didn't want him to be a knight.
Hengist and Horsa d. 488 Two Jute princes were invited to Britain in order to help fight the Picts.

BRITISH SAINTS

- Saint Alban** d. 304 First martyr of England. Killed for hiding a priest in his home.
Saint Patrick 389–461 Kidnapped as a child and brought to Ireland, returned later to spread Christianity.
Saint Brigid 451–525 Patron saint of Ireland (with Patrick). Founded a monastery at Kildare in Ireland.
Saint Augustine of Kent d. 604 Sent by St. Gregory to Britain to preach to the Saxons. Converted Ethelbert.
Bertha 539–612 Christian princess who married the Saxon king, Ethelbert. Helped convert him to Christianity.
Ethelbert 552–616 First Christian Saxon King. Invited St. Augustine to Kent to preach in Britain.
Saint Cuthbert 634–687 Bishop at Lisdifarne. Helped to unify the Celtic and Roman Churches.
Venerable Bede 672–735 Monk at Jarrow. Scholar and author of *The Ecclesiastical History of English People*.
Saint Mungo ~ 540 Early Christian missionary to Scotland.
Saint Columba 521–597 Missionary who helped to Christianize Scotland. Founded a monastery on Iona in Scotland.
Saint George 275–303 Patron saint of England. Soldier who killed a dragon and died a martyr's death.