

QUESTIONS.—1. How long did the struggle with the Danes last? How were they related to the English?

2. What Kings were most successful in resisting them? How old was Alfred when he began to reign? How were the first seven years of his reign occupied? What was he at last obliged to do? From what did he take heart again? What did he resolve to do? How did he find out the enemy's plans? Where did he defeat them? Give the date. In what parts of England are there many places with Danish names? How do you account for this?

3. What was Æthelstan's great victory? What is his character? To what was he the first with any real claim? How did he encourage commerce?

4. How did Æthelred try to get rid of the Danes? With what effect?

What other means did he try? What did that lead to? How many Danish Kings occupied the throne? Who was the greatest of them?

5. When was the English line restored? Where had Edward spent the greater part of his life? With whom did he surround himself when he came to the English throne? What were the consequences of this? What was Edward's surname? When did he die?

6. Who was the nearest heir to the throne? Why was he not made King? Whom did the Witan choose as King? Who claimed the crown? On what grounds? What means did he adopt to obtain it? Who invaded England at the same time? With what result? Where did William land? Where did the two armies meet? What was the issue?

CHIEF DATES.—OLD ENGLISH PERIOD.

	A.D.
The English Settlement.....	449
Eight Teutonic States established.....	582
Landing of Augustine.....	597
First landing of the Danes.....	787
Egbert crowned.....	827
Massacre of Danes.....	1002
The three Danish Kings.....	1017-1041
Battle of Hastings, or The Conquest.....	1066

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- Gildas the Wise—firs. British historian—a monk—native of Wales—died A.D. 570.
 Venerable Bede—wrote History, and translated *Scriptures* into English—died A.D. 735.
 King Alfred—translated the *Psalms*, *Bede's History*, &c., into English—died A.D. 901.
 Asser—a learned monk—King Alfred's tutor—wrote the *Life of Alfred*—died A.D. 909.