

A. After the Romans had been in possession of this country nearly four hundred years, they left it to its ancient inhabitants again; but as they were at that time most shamefully degenerated from their native courage and intrepidity, they were soon after invaded by the Scots and Picts, and being greatly intimidated at the thoughts of their approach, they applied to the Saxons for their assistance, and thereby brought on their total destruction, and the division of their country into the following heptarchy, viz: the kingdom of Kent, the kingdoms of the East, West, and South Saxons, the kingdom of Northumberland, the kingdom of the East Angles, and the kingdom of the Mercians.

Q. When did Britain become one great State?

A. In process of time, all these petty settlements were united in one great State, and assuming the name of Angleland, or England, was successively governed by Egbert the Great; Ethelwolf; Ethelbald; Ethelbert; Etheldred the First; Alfred the Great; Edward the Elder; Athelstan; Edmund the First; Edred; Edwy or Edwin; Edgar the Pacific; Edward the Se-