

ALFRED THE GREAT

THE FIRST KING OF THE WEST SAXONS





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WESSEX – THE KINGDOM ALFRED RULED

ALFRED'S LIFE



- Lived in 849-901
- Had three brothers
- Was the last of four brothers to rule the kingdom

ALFRED AS A WISE STATESMEN



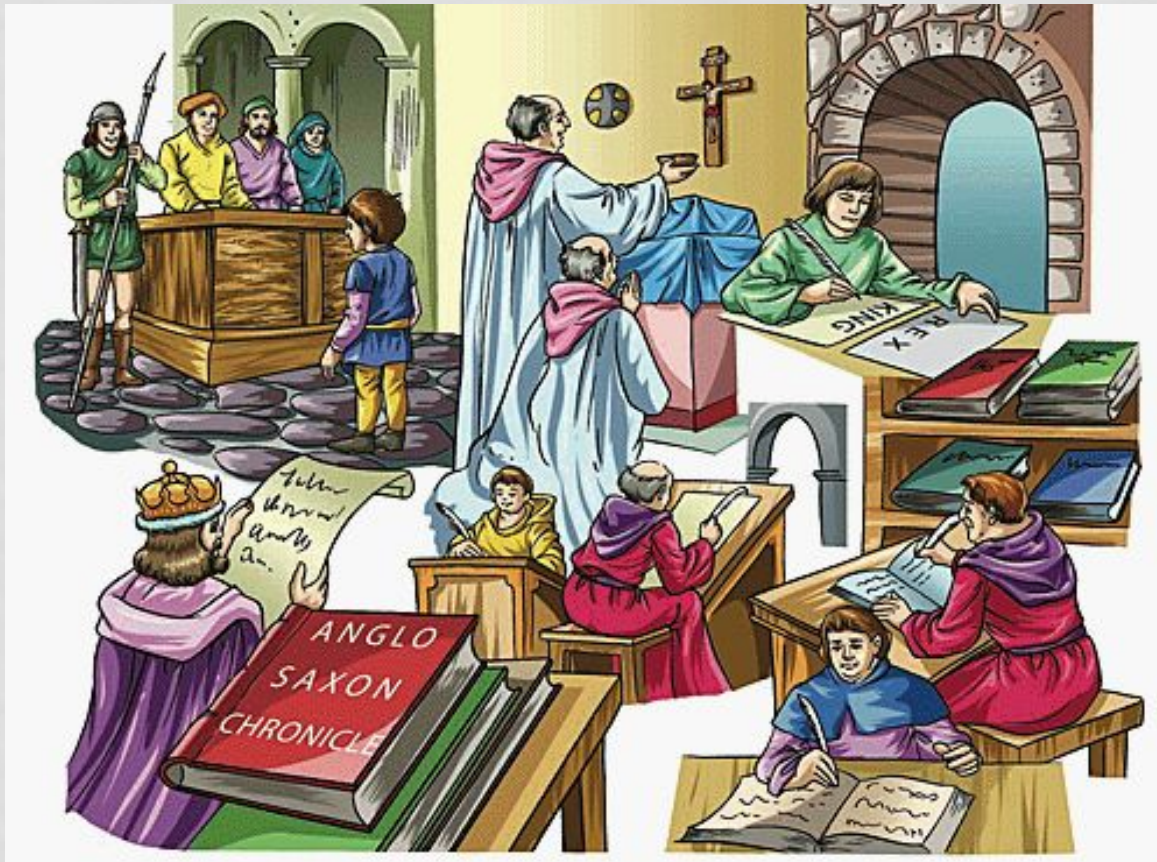
- Saved Wessex from the Vikings
- Only defensive wars
- Only London was added to his kingdom
- Restored law and order
- Retained Christianity
- Built new fortresses
- Reorganized his army
- Beat the Danes 9 times in 871

ALFRED AS AN EDUCATOR



- Founded a palace school to teach Noblemen's sons
- Urged that each citizen should learn to read in their mother tongue

ALFRED AS A WRITER



- Anglo - Saxon chronicle
- The first prose work in English literature
- Some parts written by Alfred The Great

ALFRED AS A TRANSLATOR



- Translated from Latin into Anglo-Saxon and Vice Versa
- Bede's "History of the English church"
- Used as textbooks

IN HONOUR OF ALFRED



- Alfred is the only British King or Queen to have the title of **The Great**
- Several monuments in England