

Historical Background: Anglo-Saxon Period Name: _____

1. Why do we study British literature in America?
2. Describe the climate of the British Isles.
3. Who were the first people on the British Isles?
4. From whence does the name Britain come?
5. What was the religion of the first inhabitants?
6. What were the basic elements and figures of this religion?
7. What group of people brought civilization to the island?
8. What “improvements” did this group make in Britain?
9. What do we call the period after this group left?
10. Why do we call it that?
11. The word “England” is a modernization of what Anglo-Saxon label?
12. The Anglo-Saxon culture was a “tribal” community. What does that mean?
13. What group of people was very powerful in the Anglo-Saxon community and lost all power at the end of the Anglo-Saxon period?
14. Most of the figures in Anglo-Saxon mythology were figures that had what effect on people?
15. The entire focus of life in the Anglo-Saxon period was what?
16. In addition to a common religion with the rest of Europe, what was the MAJOR contribution that Christianity brought to England?
17. Other than practicing religion, what was the sole job of monks?
18. Who were the bards/scops?
- 19-20. Describe how the combined efforts of the monks and the bards contributed to our study of literature.