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|  | What are the mysteries of Sutton Hoo? |

# Investigating the ‘glittering grave goods’ of Sutton Hoo

It is said that every object tells a story. Look carefully at the following objects and photographs and decide what you think they tell you about Anglo-Saxon society.

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| **Sword**  This object tells me | **Helmet**  This object tells me | | **Whetstone sceptre**  This object tells me |
| **Bitumen - a rare, tar-like material from the Middel East**  This object tells me | | **Copper hanging bowl**  This object tells me | |
| **Spoons**  This object tells me | | **Drinking horns**  This object tells me | |
| **Shield**  This object tells me | | **Ivory gaming piece**  This object tells me | |
| **Belt buckle**  This object tells me | | **Purse**  This object tells me | |
| **Remnants of the lyre**  This object tells me | | **Shoulder clasps** This object tells me | |

**1** What was the significance of finding the rivet?

**2** How long was the burial ship? *(Delete incorrect answers)*

22 metres  
27 metres  
35 metres

**3** From where and how do you think the Anglo-Saxons obtained slaves?

**4** Describe the horseman of Sutton Hoo? Does he appear rich or poor?

**5** What was the role of a ‘wise woman’ in Anglo-Saxon society? Think back to the video.

**6** How skilful were master carpenters? How do we know?

**7** How significant were rivers and seas in Anglo-Saxon society?

**8** How many oarsmen would be needed to man the ship?

**9** Was it an old or new ship when buried?

**10** Why did it become known as a ghost ship?