

## Session and course review sheets

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After each session, can students:

### Week 1 review

1. Recall the terminology used to describe this period, and state some of its inherent problems

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2. Criticise pre-conceptions surrounding Early Medieval 'Celtic' culture, and recognise how the present may influence study of the past

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3. Apply a basic knowledge of the indigenous languages of Early Medieval Western Britain in your evaluation of the written evidence

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4. Briefly outline cultural attributes of later Roman Western Britain

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**Week 2 review**

1. Describe some of the general changes that took place at Romano-British towns during the 5<sup>th</sup> century

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2. Outlines some of the specific changes recognised at urban sites in Western Britain during the first centuries of the Early Middle Ages

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3. Critically appraise the arguments for urban collapse and continuity during and after the late Roman period

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4. Briefly relate the archaeological evidence to other forms of historical evidence in evaluating cultural urban change in Western Britain

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### Week 3 review

1. What changes are commonly seen at villas during the 5<sup>th</sup> century?

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Outline some of the changes recognised at enclosed and fortified rural sites

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2. In what ways might these changes relate to the transformations recognised at urban sites during the 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> centuries?

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3. How are 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> century rural settlement patterns incorporated within arguments surrounding the ‘continuity’ or ‘collapse’ of ‘Roman’ culture?

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## Week 4 review

1. Describe the range of burial and ritual practices in Early Medieval Western Britain

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2. Appraise the evidence for Christianity within Early Medieval Western Britain

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3. Discuss what we may learn from this evidence with regard to social identities and relationships

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## Week 5 review

1. Outline the historical evidence relevant to Early Medieval Western Britain

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2. Critically evaluate these historic sources: discuss bias, audience, limitations

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3. Carry out basic transcriptions of inscribed stones

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## Week 6 review

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the range of literary sources dating to the Early Middle ages

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2. Critically appraise the literary sources used to study Western Britain in the Early Middle ages

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3. Recognise or describe a range of artistic styles and artefacts of Western Britain in the Early Middle ages

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## Week 7 review

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of Early Medieval technologies in Western Britain, and discuss the role of technologies in this and other societies

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2. Describe the evidence for trade and exchange between Western Britain and other areas

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## Week 8 review

1. Discuss the evidence for socio-political organisation within Early Medieval Western Britain

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2. Evaluate continuity and change from the Roman to Medieval period

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3. Explore the idea that pre-Roman 'tribes' influenced post-Roman political organisation

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## Week 9 review

1. Identify certain archaeological field remains associated with some forms of settlement in Early Medieval Western Britain

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2. Evaluate evidence for continuity and change from the Roman to Medieval period within the landscape

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3. Discuss material culture characteristic of Early Medieval Western Britain, in relation to its physical context

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## Week 10 review

Outline the evidence for Iris settlement within Early Medieval Western Britain

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2. Describe cultural change that characterises Anglo-Saxon settlement in Early Medieval Western Britain

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3. Discuss ethnic identity in Early Medieval Western Britain, and relationships between Britons and immigrant groups

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## Course review

Consider the following questions:

1. How might we characterise culture and society in Early Medieval Western Britain; how does this compare to earlier views of post-Roman Western society and culture?

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2. In what ways might pre-Roman and 'Roman' culture have continued into, or been transformed during, the post-Roman period?

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3. Describe some of the principal differences between post-Roman 'British' culture, and Romano-British and Anglo-Saxon culture.

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