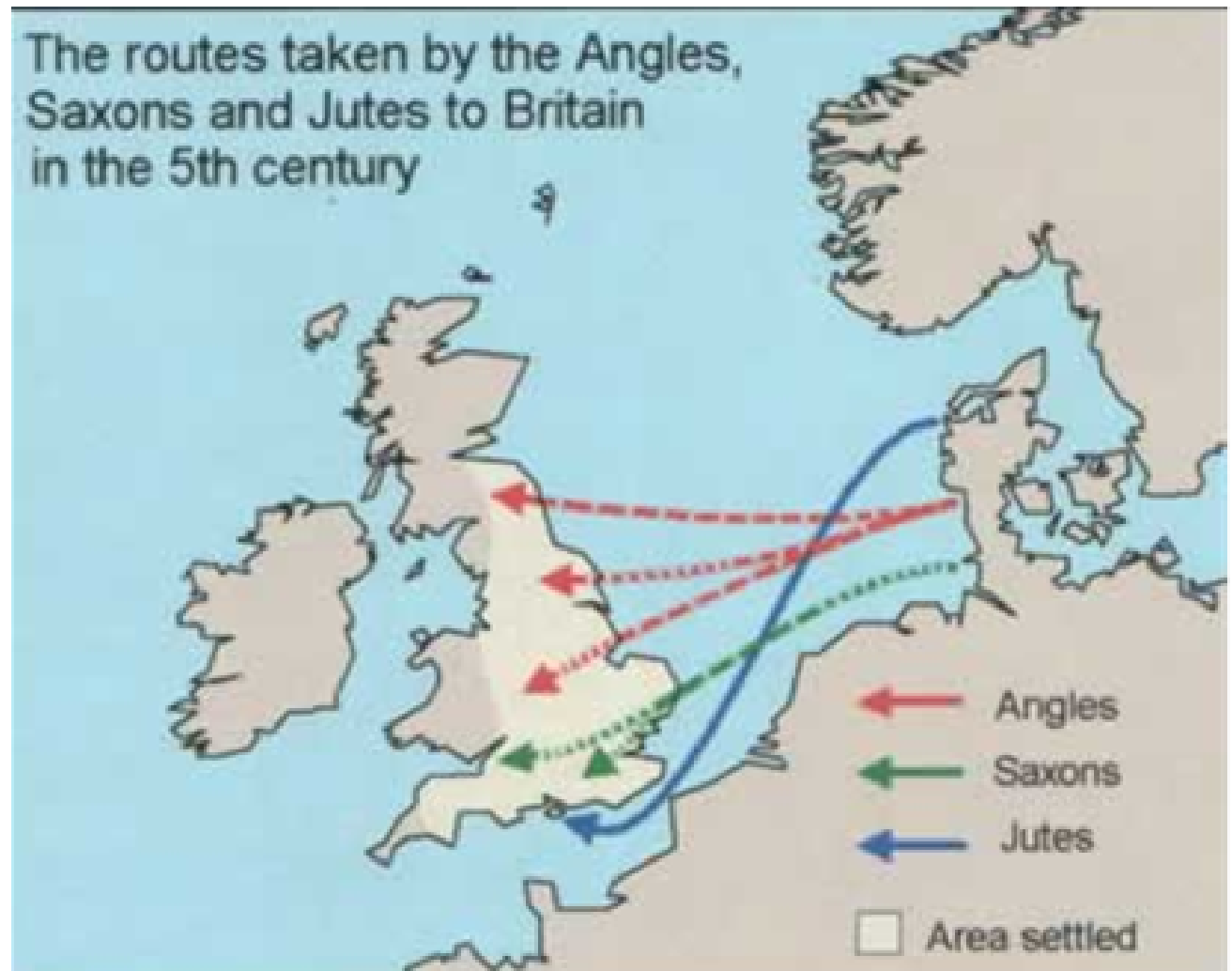


THE STORY OF ENGLISH

In the 5th century the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain.



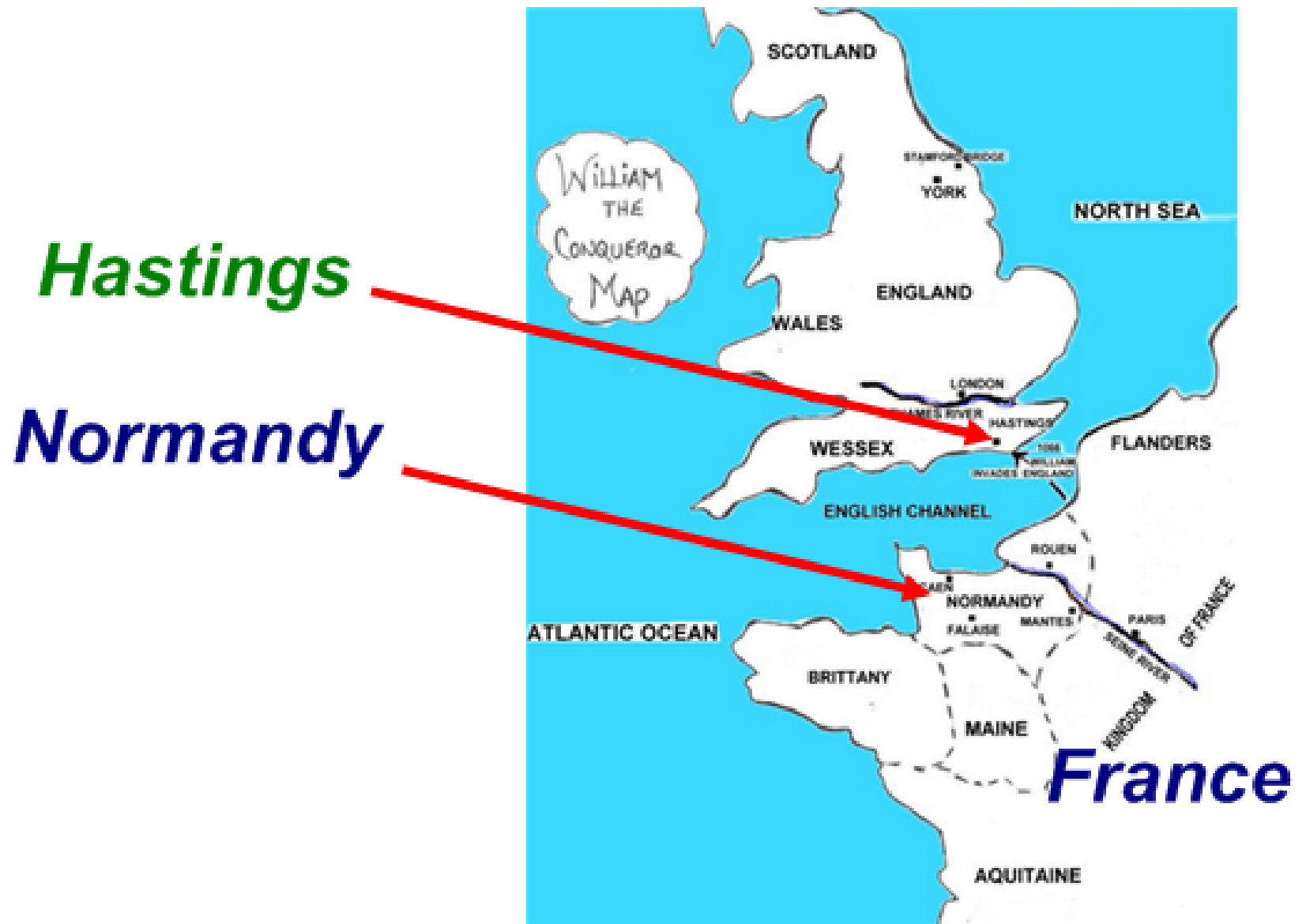
The **Anglo-Saxons** were Germanic tribes : they came from Northern Germany and spoke a **Germanic dialect**.

Their language (called "**Anglo-Saxon**" or "**Old English**") was spoken in Britain for a long time.

1066

***A TURNING POINT IN THE
STORY OF ENGLISH***

In **1066** England was invaded by the Normans.



The Normans spoke

Norman French

(NORMANDY IS IN NORTHERN FRANCE).

**After the Norman invasion
three languages were spoken
in England:**

French among the nobility and
at court, **Latin** among the clergy
and **English** among ordinary
people.

Slowly French influenced the language spoken among the people.

In conclusion, we can say that Modern English is the result of the fusion of a Germanic Dialect (Anglo-Saxon) and a Latin language (French).