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The Last Saxon King by Andrew Varga Discussion Questions/Activities

1. At the beginning of the book, we find out that Dan is homeschooled by his father. Complete the chart below by listing the pros and cons of being homeschooled. If you had the choice, which would you choose and why?

	Pros of being homeschooled	Cons of being homeschooled
1.	Flexible school hours – sleep in!	Lonely
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

2. Match the name with the description of each role by drawing a line.

King	Local landowners who provided the king with soldiers for battles.
Earl	Farmers who did not own any land, but worked on the land for the Thegns.
Churl	Making up about 10% of the population, Old English laws stated they could be treated like animals.
Housecarl	He controls everything from making the rules to controlling all the people. He must maintain order and keep his followers safe.
Thegn	The king's loyal and trusted warriors who follow him into every battle.
Slave	Appointed by the King to rule large pieces of land and everyone in them.



	We are introduced to people from different social classes. There are Kings, Earls, Thegns, Churls, Slaves and others within these groups such as Housecarls. What kind of personal characteristics do you think each group needs to be successful? Which role best suits you and your abilities? Would your friends and family agree with your choice?						
4.	Dan time travels back to England in 1066 CE. If you had the ability to travel back or forward in time, which would you chose and why? What would you want to do or see? Would you change anything about the past or the future? Explain below.						