



River Sever



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What Was Here First?



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Man-made or Natural?



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The Vikings
Spoke Old Norse



The Anglo-Saxons
Spoke Old English



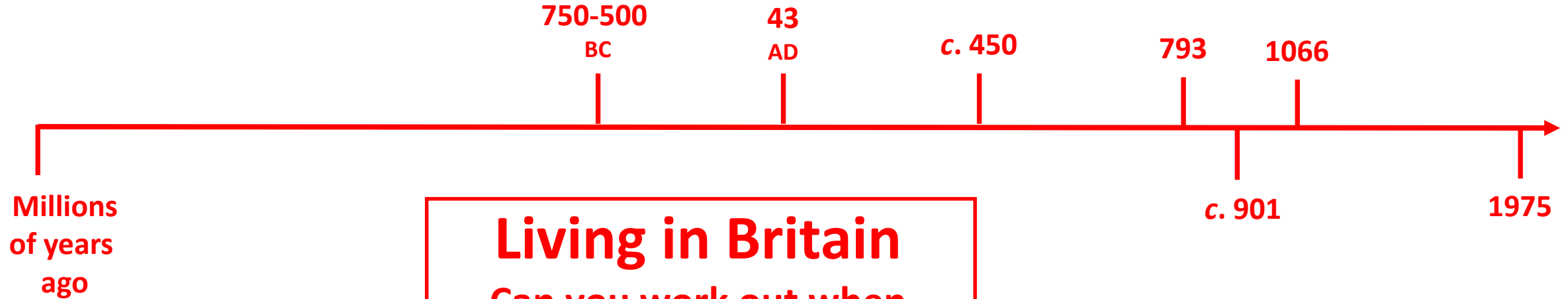
The Normans
Spoke French



The Romans
Spoke Latin



The Britons
Spoke British



Living in Britain
Can you work out when
these people lived in Britain?

- The Britons were living here first
- The Normans arrived last
- The Romans came after the Britons, but before the Anglo-Saxons
- The Vikings came after the Anglo-Saxons

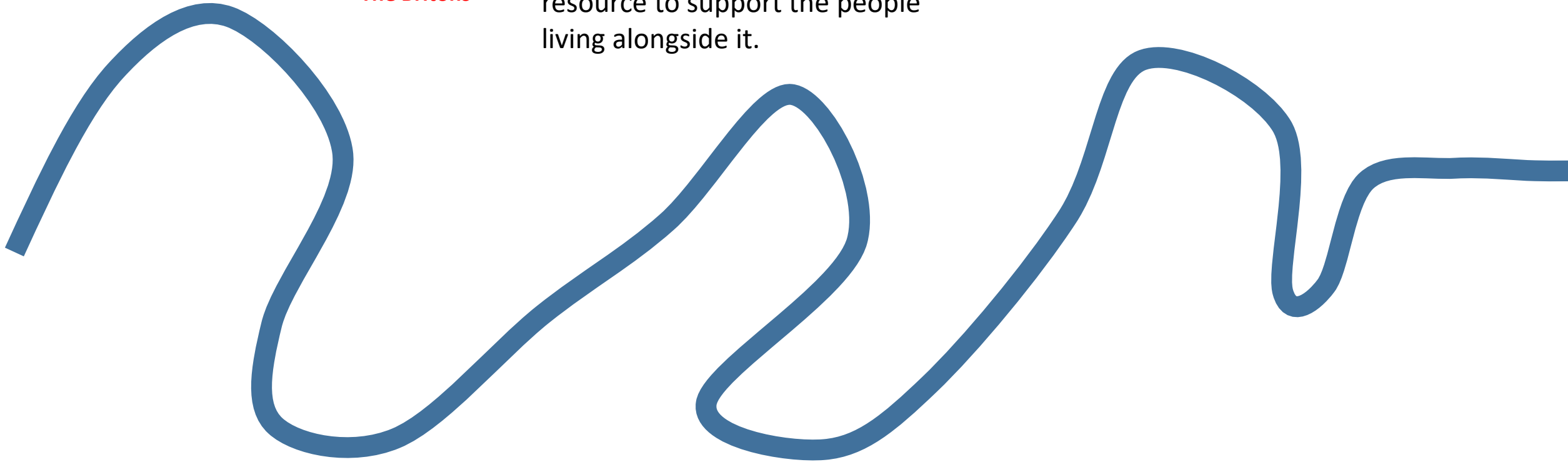




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The Romans

The Romans also called the river *Sabrina*. This tells us that the Britons shared the river-name with the Romans. This was because it was such an important resource.



The Anglo-Saxons

The name *Sabrina* was also passed on to the Anglo-Saxons, so we know that they must have had contact with the British people living in Shropshire. Because of changes in the language, the Anglo-Saxon name eventually became *Severne*.

The River Severn through time

A medieval story suggests that Sabrina was a princess who was thrown into the River Severn and became a goddess – and that she still lives in the river today.

More Shropshire Rivers

Dee (British)
Possibly 'the goddess'

Roden (British)
Possibly 'swift'

Perry (Welsh)
'bright, clear, beautiful'

Vyrnwy (Welsh)
The Welsh form of 'Severn'

Camlad (Welsh)
Possibly 'the looped one'

Onny (Welsh)
'Ash-tree river'

Clun (British)
Uncertain

Teme (British)
Possibly 'flowing'

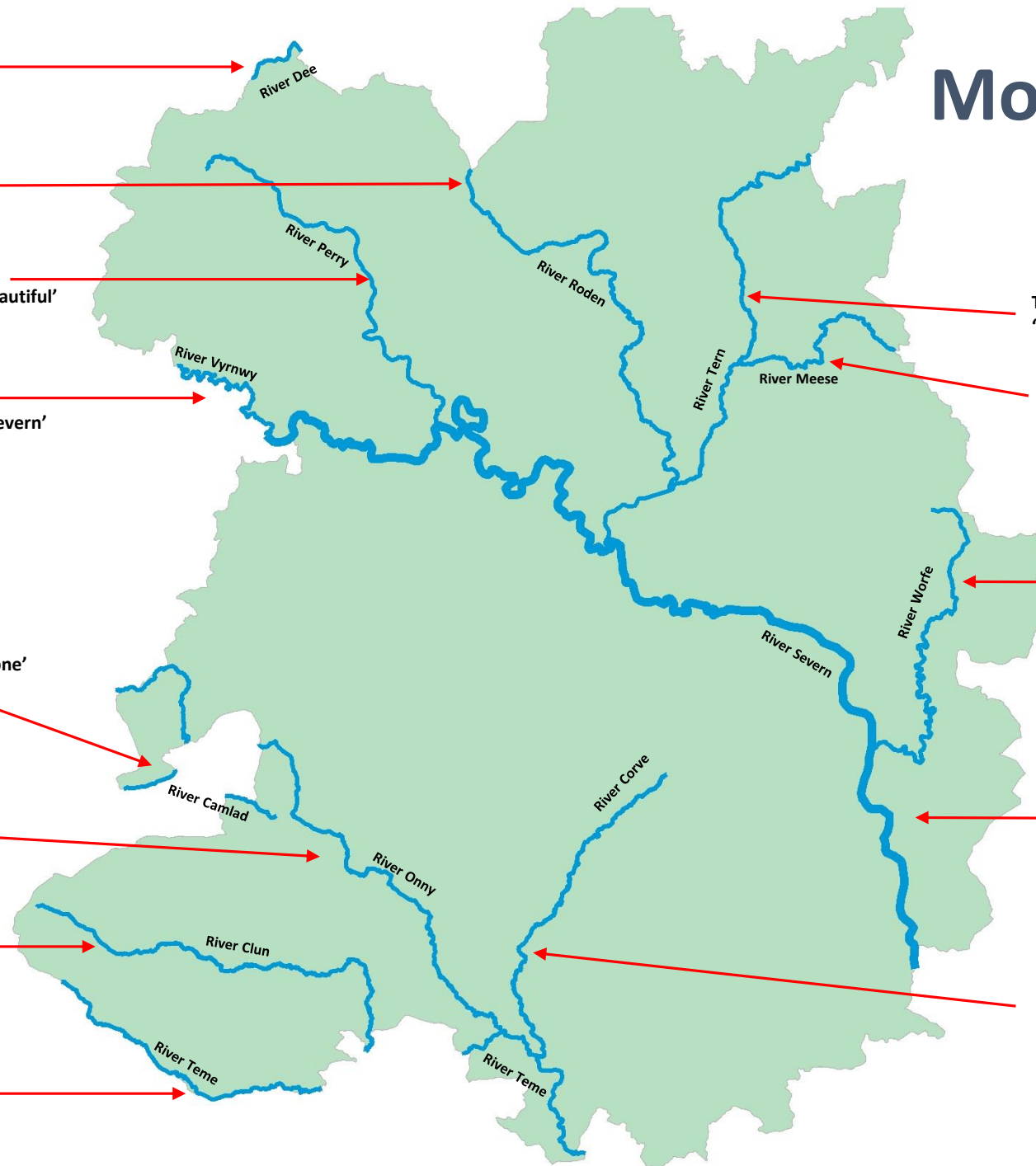
Tern (Welsh)
'strong, powerful'

Meese (Old English)
'moss, bog, swamp'

Worfe (possibly Old English)
'wandering'

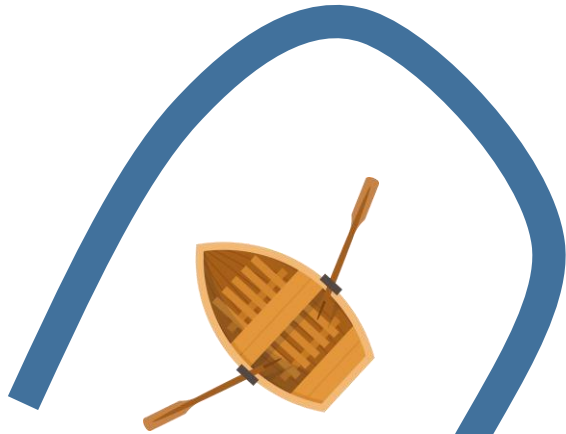
Severn (British)
Possibly 'milk'

Corve (Old English)
Possibly 'a pass, a gap'

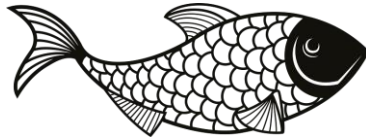


Why are rivers important in the past?

migration and communication



travel



trade

protection and defence



water-power

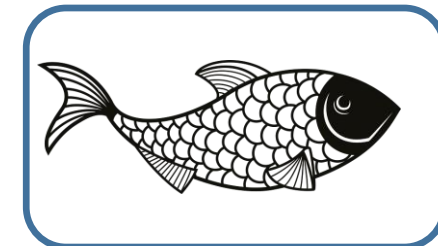
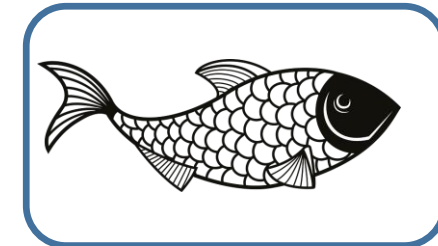
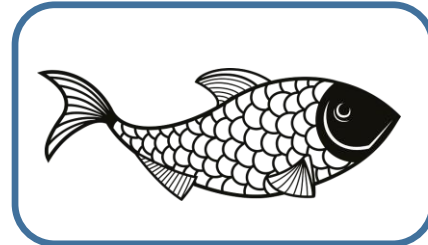


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London – River Thames



Paris – River Seine



Cairo – River Nile

Rivers and World Cities



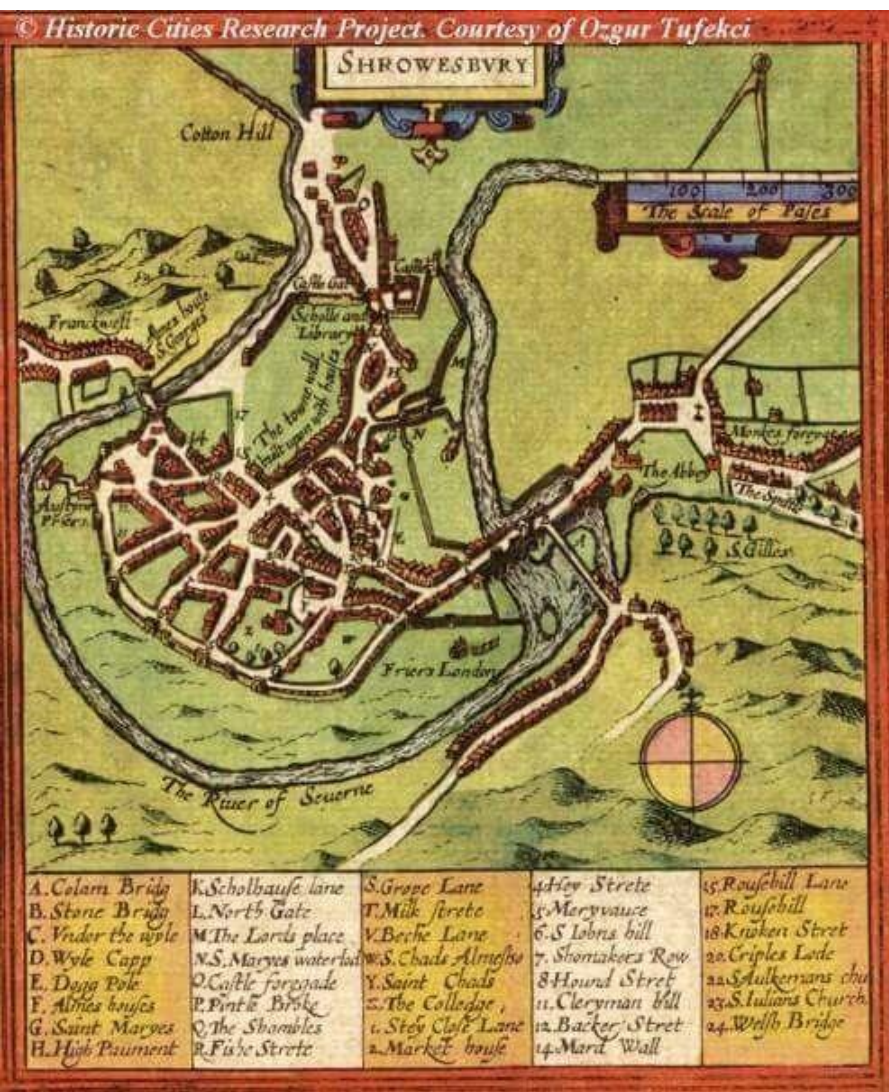
New York – Hudson River



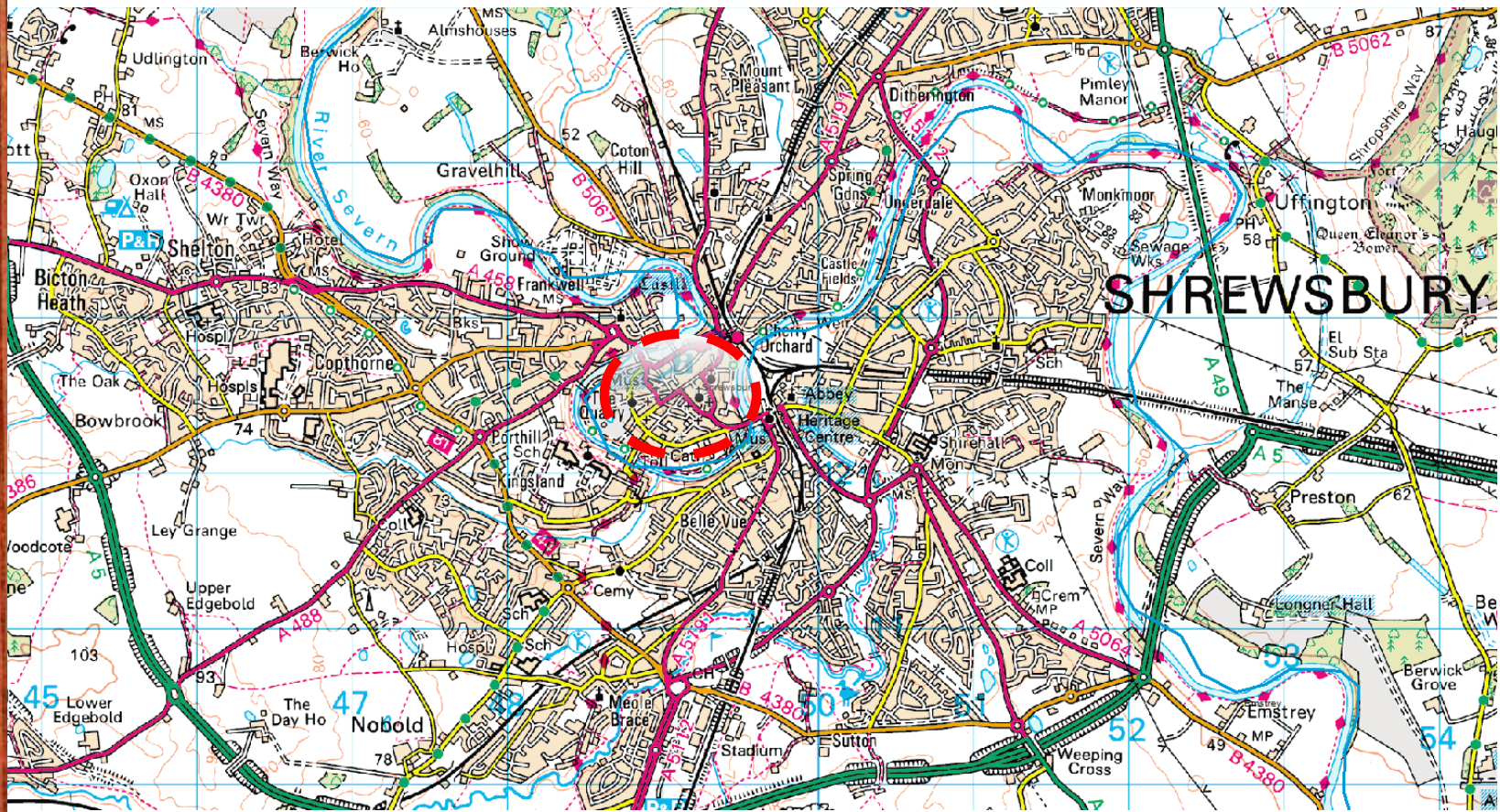
Sydney – Parramatta River



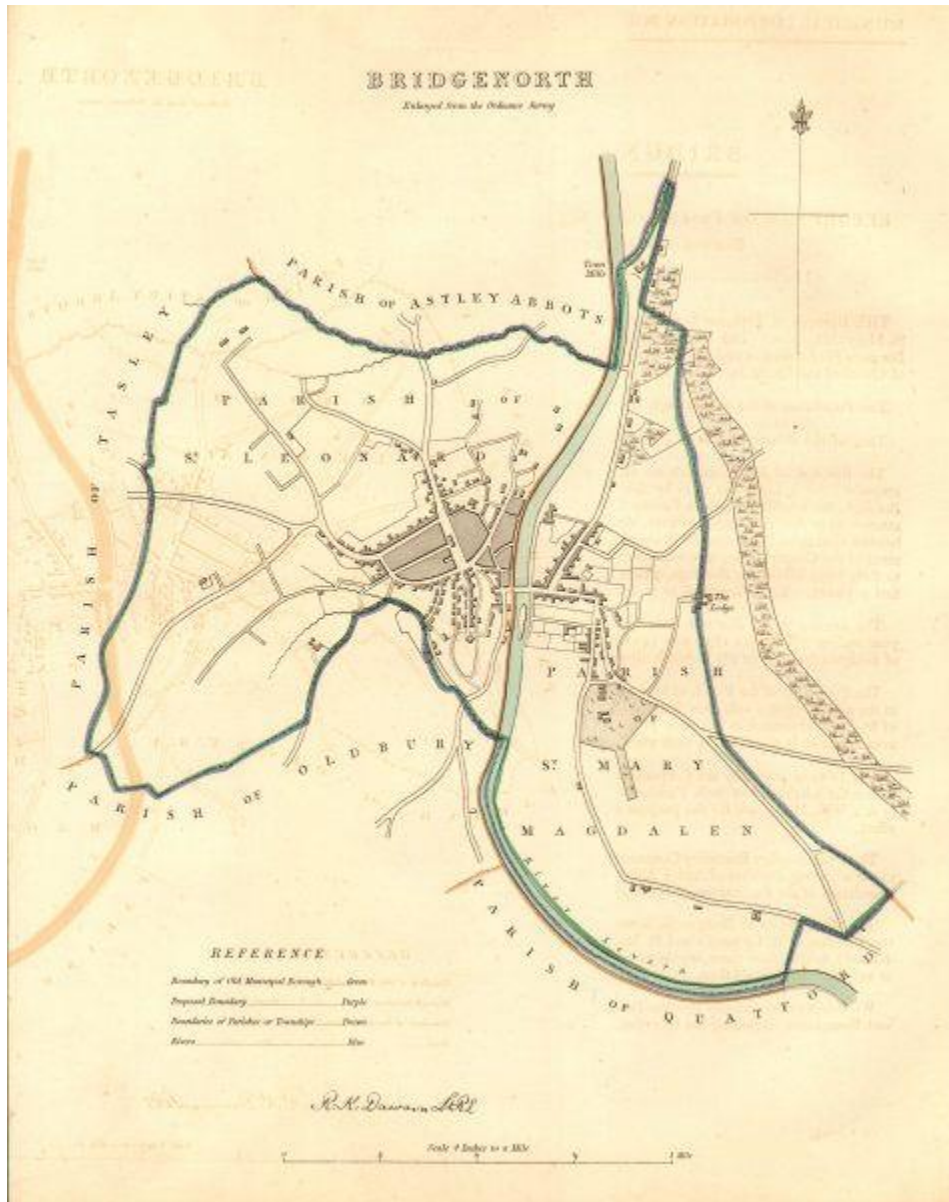
Rome – River Tiber



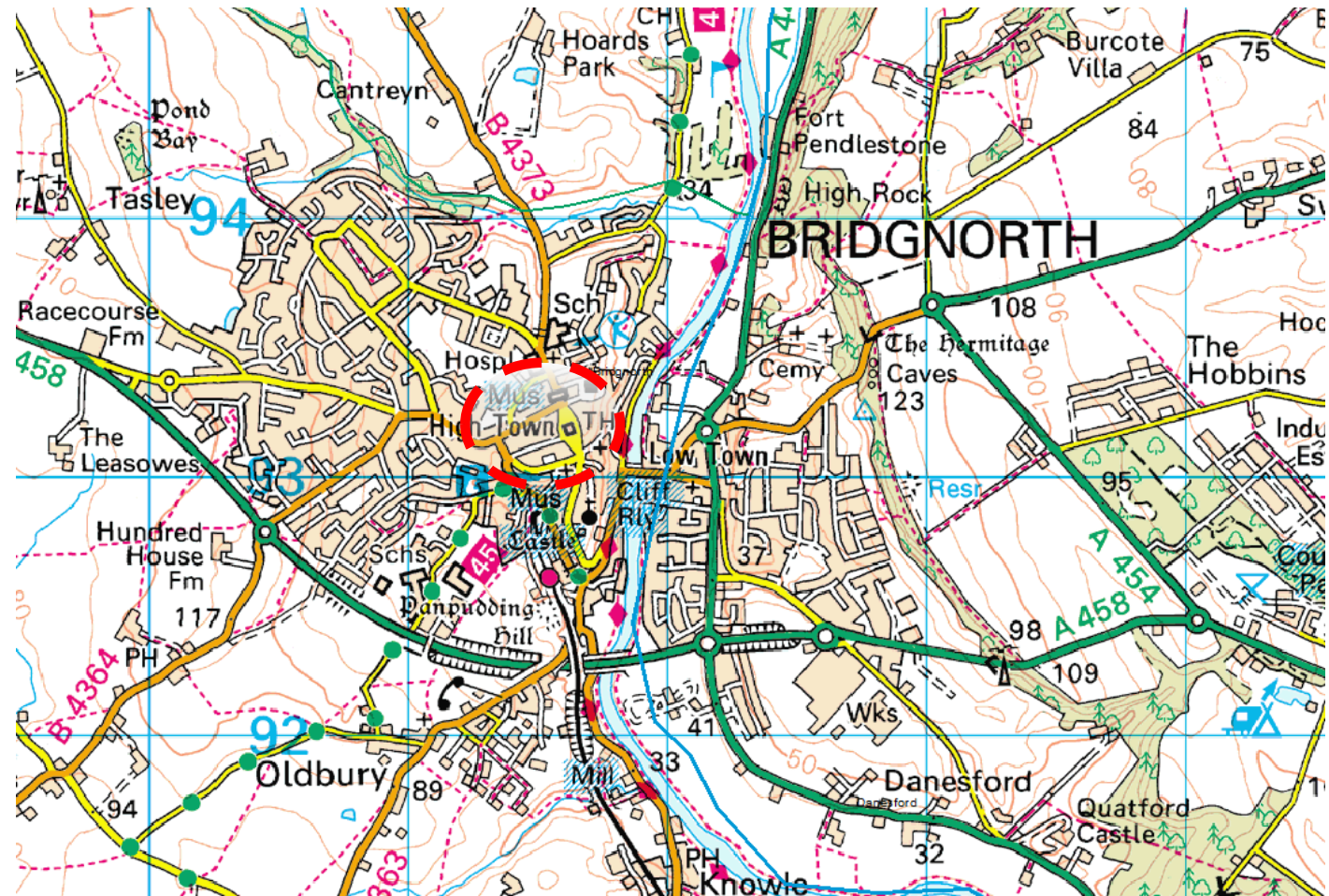
Shrewsbury - 1610



Shrewsbury today (over 400 years later)

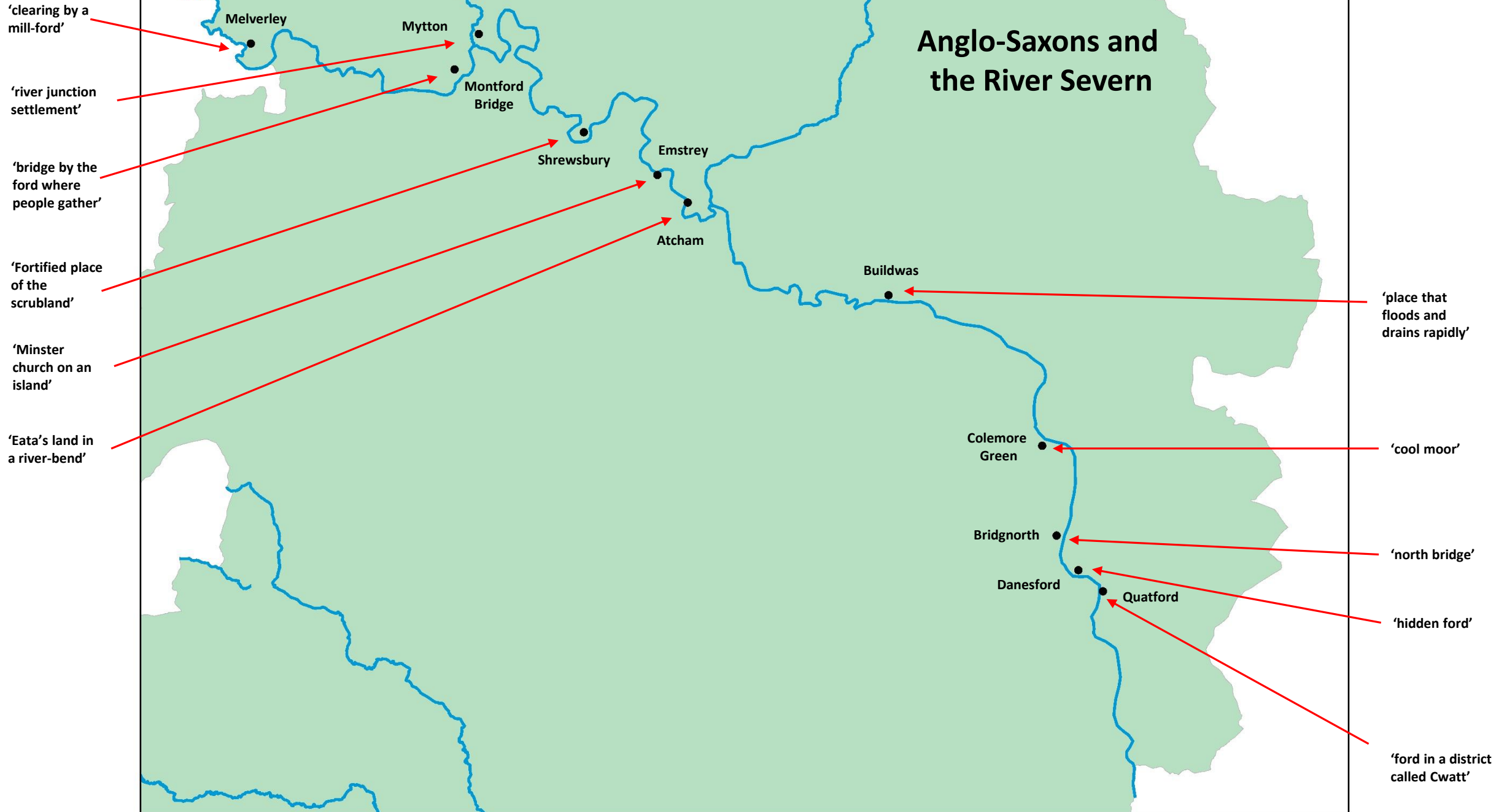


Bridgnorth - 1837



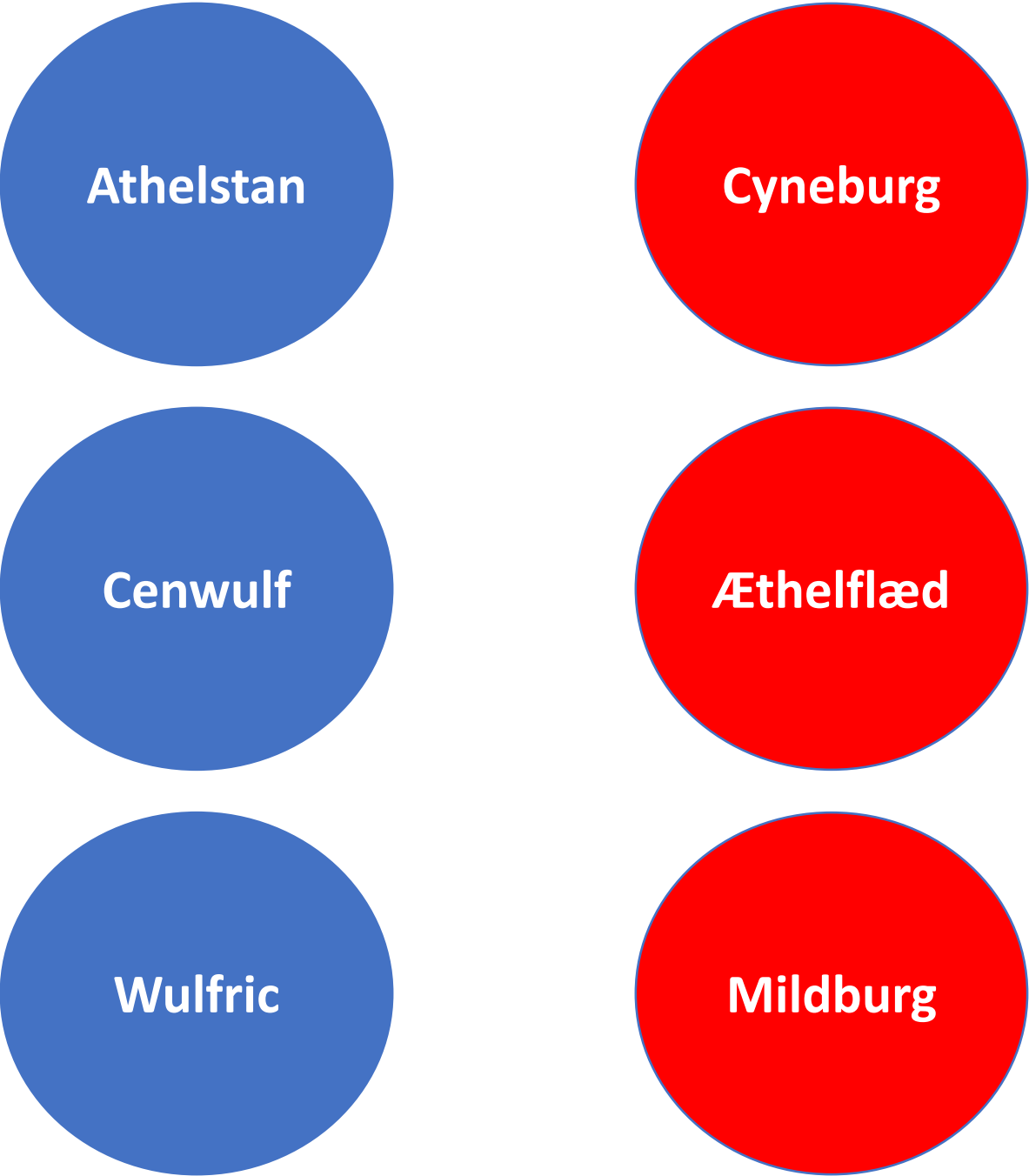
Bridgnorth today (nearly 200 years later)

Anglo-Saxons and the River Sever





**A ford
at
Norbury**



Athelstan

Cyneburg

Cenwulf

Æthelflæd

Wulfric

Mildburg

Melverley

Welcome to Molverley! You have been completely distracted by the new mill there. Miss one turn.

Montford Bridge

Welcome to Montford Bridge! You were expecting to cross at the ford, but there is a new bridge – much faster! Move on to Shrewsbury.

Mytton

Oh dear! Although you know that Mytton means 'river junction settlement', you've taken the wrong turn onto the River Perry! Go back to Montford Bridge.

Shrewsbury

You've reached Shrewsbury, but it's very well protected, and no one will let you in. Ask another team to send you wherever they like.

Emstrey

Welcome to Emstrey! Give a donation to the Minster church there. The monks are happy, and have prayed for you. Move on to Buildwas.

Atcham

Eata welcomes you to his home at Atcham. You drink too much ale and fall asleep. Miss a turn.

Buildwas

Ooh! The 'was' part of Buildwas means 'flood'. Throw the dice again. If you get 1-3, you're capsized, go back one. If you throw 4-6, your boat speeds on to Colemore Green.

Colemore Green

Oops! The 'more' part of Colemore Green means 'moor', and it's a bit boggy. You're stuck here! Miss one turn.

Bridgnorth

Welcome to Bridgnorth! The new bridge helps you to cross the Severn easily, go on to Danesford.

Danesford

Oh calamity! Danesford means 'hidden ford' and you are lost. Ask another team if they will tell you where the ford is. If they do, go on to Quatford. If not, it's back to Bridgnorth for you!

Quatford

You've made it to Quatford! Well done. You've travelled a long way - along the River Severn from Molverley!