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Using your knowledge of the period, comment on the document in a structured essay. Pay attention to your introduction and conclusion, and develop your analysis in at least two paragraphs in the body of your text. Mind your spelling and the tense agreement.

**'I've got some Viking': English villagers surprised by DNA test results**

None of the inhabitants of Bledington in the Cotswolds are 100% Anglo-Saxon, with ancestors coming from all over the world

Maev Kennedy -The Guardian - Fri 11 Aug 2017

01 The residents of the Cotswold village of Bledington were entitled to see  
05 themselves as the quintessential English villagers, blessed with a village green,  
stream, medieval church, Kings Head pub, mention in the Domesday Book,  
even a Victorian maypole. However, a DNA survey, one of the most  
comprehensive attempts to capture an entire village, has revealed their  
surprisingly diverse origins.

10 The village was classified as white British in ethnic origin from census  
data, but the saliva samples contributed by almost 120 of the residents –  
including the pub landlord, a farmer, an artist, a marketing director and the  
village historian – told another story: not a single individual of those tested was  
100% English.

15 Just 42.5% of their DNA was Anglo-Saxon in origin: other ancestry  
derived from Europe, from Finland to Spain, the Celtic nations, including  
Scotland, Wales and Ireland, Native American, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and  
Melanesia.

20 More than half of those tested, 56%, were convinced the results would  
show they were entirely English, a fact that struck many of them as very dull.  
"I'm really hoping to find out that I'm not as dull as I think I am," one woman  
said. Most were delighted at the results: "I have got some Viking!" one happy  
man said.

The tests also revealed unsuspected relationships between villagers,  
particularly surprising those who moved there and those whose families had  
lived there for generations.

25 Sylvia Reeves, a local historian, is 93 and has lived in Bledington for more  
than half a century, but is still an incomer. She has now learned she is a distant  
cousin of Steve Tyack, slightly less than half her age, a builder and member of  
the village council. Both are thrilled.

30 "I've known Steve's family ever since I have been here," she said. "I even  
watched his parents courting, so to find out we are related is amazing. I would  
never have dreamt it, especially because he is rooted round here whereas I  
came to Bledington by chance after being born in London."

35 Tyack said: "Of everybody in the village, I'm really happy to be related to  
Sylvia. This whole experience has been wonderful – a real opportunity. It's  
really brought the community spirit back to Bledington."

Six further villagers found fourth cousins or closer, and most of those  
tested – 61 people in all – found some relationship links.

40 The tests, carried out by the family history company Ancestry UK,  
revealed 18 different DNA regions among the villagers. Kristen Turner, a  
marketing manager, discovered she has south Asian ancestry and is now  
planning her next holiday. "It does make the world feel like a smaller place,"

45	<p>she said. " I love to travel and I would like to pinpoint the exact part of south Asia my ancestors come from so I could make a point of going to visit."</p> <p>A photograph of sheep grazing on Bledington Green appeared on the BBC's Domesday Reloaded website, a project to create a contemporary version of the Norman records. The image was captioned "a typical village scene". Typically gloriously diverse, as it turns out, with the sheep perhaps the only true natives.</p>
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