

## Anglo-Saxon Riddles: Student Examples

### Riddle #1:

I am always under                      never above.  
I come in many shapes                some are super sizes.  
If you wedge me                        I promise pain to you.  
I'm rarely seen                         but I'm almost always there.  
If you take me off                      you are likely bare.  
This riddle may be brief                but I could be too.

### Riddle #2:

I'm all different                        colors, shapes, and sizes.  
And at some time                        almost everyone will need me.  
And the person who makes me        sells me.  
But the person who buys me         doesn't use me.  
And the person who uses me         doesn't know it.

### Riddle #3:

A slow                      solemn square-dance  
Of warriors                fighting  
One by one                they fall  
Warriors                    fainting  
Thirty-two                on sixty-four

### Riddle #4:

A hundred brothers    lie next to each other  
Each white and fine    they've only one spine  
I am the tongue        that lies between two  
Remove me             to gather their wisdom  
To you

### Riddle #5:

I'm weaved and wandering            through the things that you were  
I come in all colors                    from black to white  
You'll use me more                    when it's cold at night  
I make a good hobby                   with a nine inch needle  
If I was unraveled                     I'd make a mess  
Your kitten will claw me              and unroll me too  
Most people use me                    maybe even you.

**Riddle #6:**

When my top has been lit	I come awake
And begin to cry slowly	my thick tears
Drip down my sides	I light up a room
With my sunny glow	and freshen the room
With my sweet aroma	I am made
In many different scents	when my fire is put out
I stop crying	and begin to harden.

**Riddle #7:**

I stand with strength	sturdy and solid
Weathered or new	sometimes unpolished
Surrounded they stand	my four-legged friends
I'm the center of gatherings	emotions unhinged
Sometimes I'm covered	with patterns and prints
So, now can you guess	with all my hints.

**Riddle #8:**

My work is neat	My work is sloppy
I am right	I am left
I am used by friends	I am used by foes
Some stick me on their ear	yet I cannot hear
I bleed many colors	and am not judged by others.

**Riddle #9:**

I am not alive	yet I move
I make a small sound	although I do not breathe
I fly	yet I stay in one place
I'm hanged	but I do not feel pain
I have hands to point	yet no fingers

**Riddle #10:**

I am round like a ball	but yet as pointy as a knife
Like a slave	I am chained
Still I am like a bird	as free as the air you breathe
But when I hit you at full force	your air I will take
When you hear me	death is at hand
Years ago	I was a menace to all
Today I hang	idly by

**Answers:**

1. Underwear
2. Coffin
3. Chess
4. Bookmark
5. Yarn
6. Candle
7. Table
8. Pens
9. Clock
10. A flail (or mace)