



How did the Vikings change Britain?

What will we be learning?

We will be learning about who the Vikings were and where they originated from. We will look at the timeline preceding the first Viking invasion (which happened around AD787) and the repeated power struggles as the Vikings sailed the seas, raiding and taking over land.

Key knowledge

- *The Vikings (also known as Norsemen) came from three countries of Scandinavia
- *The name 'Viking' means 'a pirate raid'.
- *Vikings sailed the seas, raiding and taking over land.
- *The Vikings were Pagans and raided many monasteries.

Glossary

- Vikings-** people from Scandinavia: Denmark, Sweden and Norway.
- Conquer-** to get something by force.
- Treaty-** A written agreement between two states.
- Raid-** a surprise attack.
- Danegeld-** Land tax to raise funds for protection against Vikings.
- Viking longship-** A ship used by Vikings for raids.
- Settlement-** A place where people have come to live.
- Monastery-** a place where people devote their time to God. (The Vikings were Pagans and raided many monasteries).
- Danelaw-** The area in Britain that the Vikings ruled.

Mini – Driver Questions:

- Why did the Vikings raid Britain?
- Did the Vikings have any beliefs/worship anything?
- Why build longships?
- Why were the events of Lindisfarne in 793 so historic?
- Why did King Alfred sign a peace treaty with Viking Guthrum?
- How can I decipher the rune message?
- Did the Vikings reach America?
- Did shields have special meanings?
- Did King Knut try to stop the tide from coming in?
- How dangerous was life as a warrior?

Event	Date
Angles and Saxons invade England.	AD 459
King Ethelberht (the first Christian King) died.	AD 616
Viking attack on Lindisfarne.	793 AD
King Alfred the Great becomes King of Wessex.	871 AD
Battle at Chippenham.	878 AD
Peace Treaty between King Alfred and King Guthrum.	878 AD
King Alfred dies.	899 AD
Athelstan becomes King of Mercia.	924 AD
King Athelstan conquered York.	927 AD
Athelstan becomes King of England.	928 AD
Battle of Brunanburh.	937 AD
King Athelstan dies.	939 AD
Aethelred becomes King.	978 AD
King Aethelred orders for the death of all Danish men.	1002 AD
Swedish King, Sven becomes King of England.	1013 AD
Danish King, Cnut becomes King of England.	1016 AD
Edward the Confessor becomes King of England but dies.	1042 AD
Battle of Hastings.	1066 AD
Duke William of Normandy becomes King of England.	1066 AD

Key Figures

- *King Alfred- King of Wessex from 871-899, defended Wessex against the Vikings.
- *Guthrum-King of the Vikings in Danelaw at the time of the treaty with the Saxons.
- *Athelstan- First King to unite English kingdoms.
- *King Aethelred II introduced the agreement Danegeld.
- *King Cnut king of England
- *William the Conqueror

