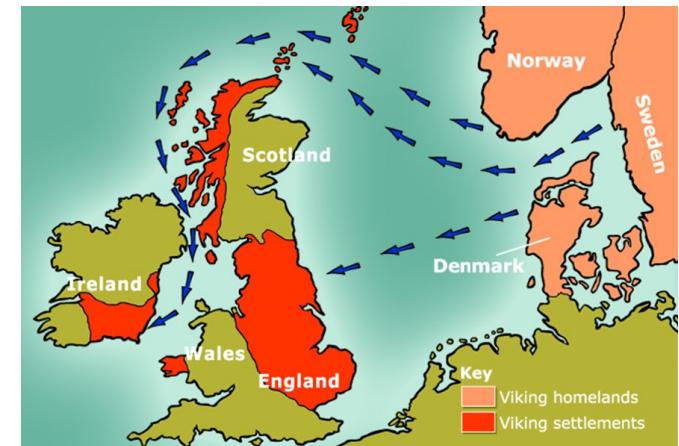


Vikings

Key Vocabulary

Viking	The Vikings were warriors from northern Europe. They were also known as Norsemen or Northmen. They sailed the seas from the late 700s to the 1000s. They attacked many countries and took away much treasure. Their northern European neighbours gave them the name of Viking, which means 'pirate'.
Danegeld	This stands for 'Paying the Dane'. King Ethelred paid the Vikings 4500kg of silver to go home but they kept returning and were paid 22,000kg of silver in Danegeld altogether.
The Holy Island of Lindisfarne	The Anglo-Saxon name is Lindisfarne, whilst the Holy Island part of the name derives from the Viking raids. On 8th June AD793, the Vikings landed on Lindisfarne. They had sailed across the North Sea from Denmark and Norway. They rampaged through the island and killed monks in the priory. They stole gold and silver, and caused destruction and death.
Invalidate / Invaders	Invalidate means to enter a place for either conquest (to take over or gain rule of that place) or to plunder (take it's riches, land and wealth). Invading is a forceful act that takes place between enemies. Invaders are the people who try to take over another land.
Paganism / Pagans	Paganism is a religion where many gods and goddesses are worshipped. Vikings arrived as pagans but eventually converted to Christianity.
Longship	A long, wooden, narrow boat used by the Vikings.
Saga	Vikings used rhyme to tell stories about adventures and battles against monsters. These were passed down by word of mouth before eventually being recorded.

Where were Viking homelands? Where did they settle?



The Early Vikings

The Vikings came from the modern Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. They travelled in boats called longships and first arrived in Britain around AD 787. The Vikings raided places such as monasteries and pillaged expensive items to trade. They were looking for valuable goods like gold and jewels, imported foods and other useful materials.

The Vikings also wanted to claim land and tried to take over much of Britain. They invaded and settled in Scotland before heading south to places such as York. By AD 878 the Vikings had settled permanently in Britain.

By AD 878 there was just one Anglo-Saxon kingdom left (Wessex) as the others had been overrun by the Vikings. Many Anglo-Saxon kings tried to resist the Vikings and fought hard to keep control of their land. King Alfred the Great was the best known Anglo-Saxon king and the first to defeat the Vikings in battle.

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AD 866

The Vikings capture the city of York...

AD 878

... and by 878 they had settled permanently in England, overran Wessex and forced King Alfred into hiding.

AD 700

AD 800

AD 793

The Vikings attack from Norway. They attack the Monastery of Lindisfarne in Northumbria. The following year they attack northern Britain, in what we now call Scotland.

AD 871

Alfred the Great becomes King of Wessex. He drives the invading Vikings from the south but they stay in the north and the east.

AD 886

King Alfred agrees to a treaty with the Vikings. Alfred keeps the west & the Vikings are given the east which is later known as 'Danelaw'.

AD 954

The last Viking King of Jorvik (York), Eric Bloodaxe, is forced out of York.

AD 1066

The last Anglo-Saxon king, King Harold, is defeated by William the Conqueror at the battle of Hastings and Norman Britain begins.

AD 900

AD 900

The Vikings establish rule over Scotland.

AD 1000

AD 1013

King Sven of Denmark and his son Cnut sail up the rivers Humber and Trent to claim the throne in Danelaw and the Saxon King (Eltherred) flees abroad. A year later Cnut becomes the King of the Danes and King of England.

AD 1100

AD 1042

Edward II is invited to return from Normandy to become the King of England. Edward II was better known as 'Edward the Confessor' due to his extreme piety.



Useful Websites:

BBC Bitesize Vikings - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>

BBC Class Clips Vikings - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6/resources/1>

Horrible Histories Song— <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UXW0VW7p6g>

Invaders and Settlers— <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ks3-viking-invaders-and-settlers/zj9jxyc>