

Viking and Anglo- Saxon Struggle for the Kingdom of England

Knowledge Organiser

Year 6, Summer 1:History
Topic: Vikings
Whole School Topic: Why is Earth So Angry?



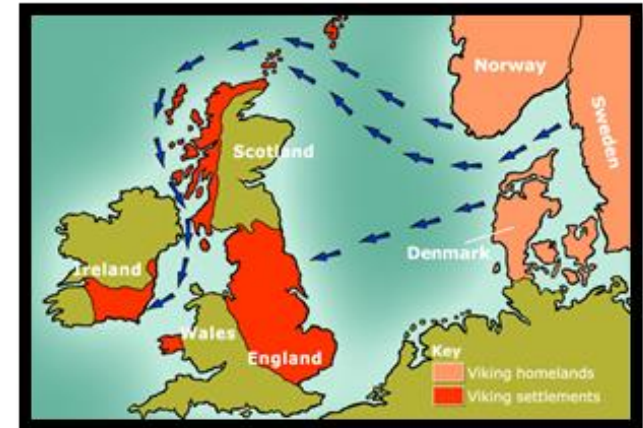
Key Vocabulary

Conquest	To gain or acquire land by force
Heathens	a person who does not know about and worship the God of the Bible
massacre	the violent and cruel killing of a large number of people.
Pagan	an uncivilized person.
Raid	to enter (a place) to look for something or someone or to steal or take something
Scandinavia	The area that is made up of Norway, Sweden and Denmark

What will I know about the Vikings by the end of this topic?

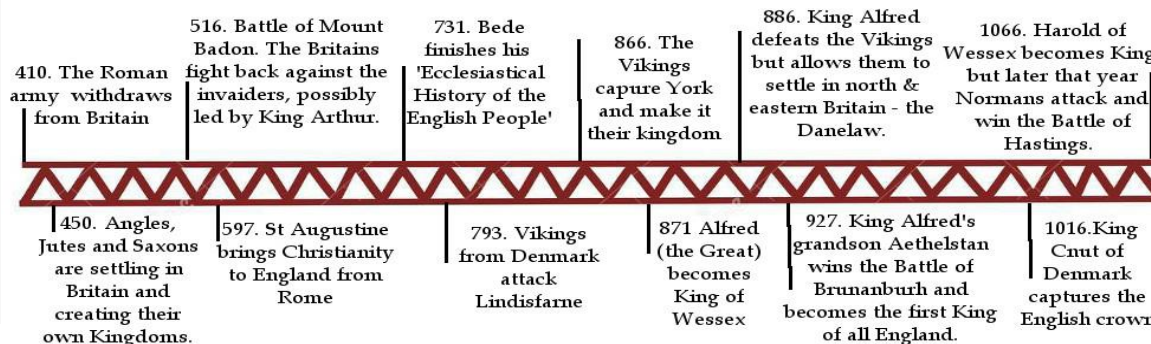
- The Vikings were seafaring, Norse people from southern Scandinavia, who from the late 8th to late 11th centuries raided, pirated, traded and settled throughout parts of Europe. The word Viking means 'a pirate raid', which is a fitting name as they were fearsome warriors and often raided monasteries for treasure.
- Compare and contrast a Viking leader (King Guthrum) vs an Anglo- Saxon leader (King Alfred the Great)
- The religion of the Vikings was a pagan belief in the gods and goddesses of Norse mythology, including Thor and Freya which differed to Anglo- Saxon Christian beliefs
- Danelaw was recognized in parts of England during King Alfred's reign
- The Vikings raided to steal gold from monasteries and also to take people as slaves. The things they stole they often sold so they could buy the things they wanted. The Vikings usually carried out their raids during the summer months when it was safer and easier to cross the sea from their home in Norway

Viking settlement



Sticky Knowledge about Vikings and Anglo Saxons

- Not all Vikings were warriors. Many came in peace and became farmers.
- Contrary to popular belief, Vikings did not have horned helmets.
- The most important Viking British city was York, or Jorvik, as it was known by the Vikings.
- Vikings were pagans and often raided monasteries looking for gold.
- The Anglo-Saxons came from The Netherlands (Holland), Denmark and Northern Germany.
- The Normans were originally Vikings from Scandinavia.
- The English (Anglo-Saxons) lost the Battle of Hastings in 1066 and William of Normandy replaced King Harold as the king of England.



Viking Artefacts

