

Subject Specific Vocabulary:

Archaeologist - People who discover our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.

Raids - A sudden armed attack with the aim of causing damage rather than occupying any of the enemy's land.

Viking - The name given to sailing pirates and traders who raided and settled in north west Europe.

Longhouse - A large hall-like building where many Viking families would live together.

Berserkers - An ancient Norse warrior. They were out of control and charged fearlessly. The word 'berserk' came from it.

Longship - A long, narrow warship powered by oars and sails.

Odin - One of the most famous Viking Gods known for wisdom.

Scandinavia - The name given to a collection of countries: Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Danelaw - The name given to lands in Britain occupied by the Vikings.

Settlement - A place where people establish a community.

Monastery - Buildings occupied by a community of monks living a religious life.

Invade - To enter a place in order to take control by force.

Pillage - To take things from a place by force, especially during a battle or war.

Conquer - To take control of a place or people by force.

Pagan - A person holding religious beliefs other than main world religions.

Key Dates and Figures

793 - First invasion by the Vikings. They raided monasteries on the coast including Lindisfarne, off the coast of Northumbria.

794 - First raids on Scotland and Ireland.

820 - Viking raids continue around the English coast

821 - Wessex becomes the Supreme Kingdom

865 - Great Viking Army from Denmark Invades England

866 - Danes capture York (which the Vikings called Jorvik) and make it their kingdom (land ruled by a king)

871 - King Ethelred, the West Saxon king, and his brother Alfred, defeat the Viking army at the Battle of Ashdown (in Berkshire).

876 - Vikings from Denmark, Norway and Sweden settle permanently in England.

886 - King Alfred the Great defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in Eastern England (the Kingdoms of York and East Anglia) This area on England becomes known as Danelaw and is ruled by the Viking King Guthrum.

901-937 - Eastern England (Danelaw) is conquered by the English

950 - Vikings from Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Hebrides raid Wales, particularly the coastal monasteries.

954 - Eric Bloodaxe, the last Viking King of Jorvik, is thrown out of York.

980 - New Viking Raids on England

994 - Olaf of Norway and Sven 'Forkbeard', son of the Danish king, lead an invading Danish army in an unsuccessful siege of London, and subsequently ravage the south-east.

1014 - King Canute (Cnut) of Denmark captures the English Crown

1042 - Edward the Confessor becomes King (A Saxon King)



Key Places

Scandinavia = Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Wessex

York (Jorvik)

Danelaw

Wider Curriculum

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