

Key Learning

The Viking period was between AD700 to 1100.

The Vikings came from Scandinavia on their longboats. People called them the 'Danes' but they came from Norway and Sweden as well as Denmark.

Some Vikings were raiders but some came peacefully. They were farmers and very skilful at crafting. They made beautiful metalwork and wooden carvings.

The first recorded Viking raid was in AD793 at Lindisfarne, a monastery

By AD878, almost all the kingdoms had fallen to the Vikings. All except for Wessex, which was ruled by **Alfred the Great**.

England was divided with the Vikings living in the Danelaw. The main city was York. Known as 'Jorvik'.

King Cnut the Great was the Viking king of England between 1016-1035.

Year 5 – Anglo Saxon Vs Vikings

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Lindisfarne – the monastery was built under King Oswald of Northumbria by St Aidan. King Oswald is who our town Oswestry is named after.

Exciting Reads



Subject Specific Vocabulary

settlement	A place where people live.
Paganism	A religion other than Christianity
Invaders	People who invade (enter a country by force) and occupy it
Thing	A meeting where they settled problems and make decisions.
Raid	A surprise attack.
Migrate	To move to a different area to find better living conditions.
Danelaw	part of England, Vikings settled – ruled by Viking law, spoke Viking languages etc
Danegeld	money paid to Vikings by Ethelred to not raid
Longboat	The type of boats the Vikings used.
Traders	People who trade with other people or countries for goods
Old Norse	The name 'Viking' comes from a language called 'Old Norse'. It means 'a pirate raid'.

Timeline

793 AD Vikings begin to raid	829AD Wessex becomes Supreme Kingdom	851AD Alfred – son of Egbert King of Wessex – defeats Viking fleet	867AD Vikings kill king of Northumbria and capture York Jovik – Viking capital in England	886AD King Alfred and Vikings divide England – treaty decided - Danelaw	926AD Saxons conquer Danelaw	927AD Athlestan takes Jorvik	939AD Athlestan dies	954AD Eric Bloodaxe – last Viking in York is forced out
959AD Edgar rules	975AD Edward crowned king	978AD Ethelred becomes king	1013 England under Danish control	1016 King Cnut becomes king	1042 Edward the Confessor becomes king	1055 Edward dies – Harold Godwinson – king	1066 England conquered by William of Normandy	