



Knowledge Organiser: The Vikings

Assessment question: Were the Vikings invaders or settlers?

Key vocabulary

Berserker	An ancient Norse warrior who fought with wild or uncontrolled ferocity.
Danelaw	Historical name given to the part of England where Vikings dominated Anglo-Saxons.
explorer	A person who explores a new or unfamiliar area.
invader	A person or group that invades a country, region, or other place.
knarr	A Viking ship for trading.
longhouse	A large communal house in Viking settlements.
longship	A long, narrow warship, powered by both oar and sail with many rowers.
monastery	A building or buildings occupied by a community of monks living under religious vows.
mythology	A collection of beliefs based around a religion.
Norsemen	The name given to Viking raiders by the Anglo-Saxons.
pagan	A person who believes in more than one god, or no god at all.
rune	Letters of the Viking alphabet.
saga	A long story of heroic achievement, especially a medieval prose narrative in Old Norse.
Scandinavia	Group of countries in northern Europe that includes Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
settlement	A place, typically one which has previously been uninhabited, where people establish a community.
Viking	Any of the Scandinavian seafaring pirates and traders who raided and settled in many parts of north-western Europe in the 8th-11th centuries.













Where did the Vikings come from?



Scandinavian countries' flags



Timeline

<p>AD 793</p>  <p>The Vikings attack the island of Lindisfarne.</p>	<p>AD 866</p>  <p>The Vikings capture the city of York.</p>	<p>AD 871</p>  <p>Alfred the Great becomes the King of Wessex.</p>	<p>AD 878</p>  <p>They settle permanently in England.</p>	<p>AD 886</p>  <p>King Alfred agrees to a treaty with the Vikings.</p>	<p>AD 900</p>  <p>The Vikings rule the North of Scotland.</p>	<p>AD 954</p>  <p>The last Viking king of Jorvik is forced out of York.</p>	<p>AD 1013</p>  <p>King Sven of Denmark and his son Cnut sail up the rivers Humber and Trent to claim the throne.</p>	<p>AD 1042</p>  <p>Edward the Confessor is invited to return from Normandy to become the King of England.</p>	<p>AD 1066</p>  <p>King Harold is defeated in the Battle of Hastings.</p>
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