

# Year 5 History - Vikings

The first Viking attack on what is now England that can be tied to a specific date was the raid on Lindisfarne, off the north-east coast, in 793AD. The Vikings settled in eastern, northern and parts of the Midlands of England from the AD 860s onwards.



**AD 793**

The Vikings raided Lindisfarne.

**AD 865**

An army of Vikings sailed across the North Sea to conquer England.

**AD 866**

The Vikings conquer York.

**AD 874**

Almost all kingdoms had fallen to the Vikings.

**AD 886**

King Alfred agrees to a treaty with the Vikings known as 'Danelaw'.

**AD 794**

First Viking raids in Scotland and Ireland.

**AD 871**

Alfred the Great becomes King of Wessex.

**AD 878**

Wessex is overrun by Vikings and King Alfred went into hiding.

**AD 1100**

End of the Viking age.

## Alfred the Great

Key facts:

- The only English king to earn the title 'the Great'.
- He came to the throne of Wessex at a time of great peril.
- Successfully defended Wessex against the Vikings.

## Enquiry Questions:

1) Is it accurate to describe the Vikings as vicious raiders? Key points to remember:

- They were vicious raiders BUT that doesn't give a complete picture.
- They had specialised ships for different purposes (trade, exploration and raids etc).
- They could navigate effectively across oceans and up rivers because of their ships.
- They traded far and wide.
- They were skilful at crafting and made beautiful metal work.

2) How did the Saxons manage to regain control of England?

## Jorvik

The most important city in the Danelaw was the city of York, or 'Jorvik'

## Key Vocabulary

<b>Viking</b>	Scandinavian seafaring pirates and traders who raided and settled in many parts of north-western Europe.
<b>sequence</b>	Placing the events in chronological order next to each other.
<b>scale</b>	Adding a numbered scale to place events with intervals shown.
<b>duration</b>	The length of time an event/lifetime or period runs for.
<b>interval</b>	The amount of time between events/periods/lifetimes.
<b>BC / BCE</b>	The period of time before Christians believe Jesus Christ was born.
<b>AD / CE</b>	The period of time after Christians believe Jesus Christ was born.
<b>settlement</b>	A place or region where people came to live.
<b>longboat</b>	They were a type of Scandinavian warship.



Map showing Viking trading routes (blue line) and where they settled (green)

## Who were the Vikings?

The Vikings were Norse people who came from an area called **Scandinavia** (countries such as Norway, Sweden and Denmark).

The Viking age in European history was from about **AD700 to 1100**. During this period, many Vikings left their homelands in Scandinavia and travelled by longboat to other countries, like Britain and Ireland.