

Prior Learning

Children have learnt the chronological history of Britain from prehistory, Roman invasion to Anglo-Saxons, Picts and Scots.

*Vikings vs Anglo Saxons*

793AD - 1066

Key Facts

Vikings arrived in England on longboats in the 8<sup>th</sup> century ready to take riches and land from whoever stood in their way. They came from Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

They arrived at Lindisfarne and robbed and looted the monastery - their longboats were perfect for attacking coastal towns. Vikings ultimately gained control of the Northeast of England - Danelaw.

Once unified, England was ruled by a Viking king - King Cnut in 1016.

Edward the Confessor's death led to the Battle of Hastings. Three men claimed they should take the throne: Harold Hadrada, William Duke of Normandy and Harold Godwinson. William the Conqueror won.

Glossary of Vocabulary

**Danegeld** - a tax paid by English/Anglo-Saxon kings to save Viking raiders savaging their land.

**Raid** - a surprise attack in order to rob/loot.

**Longship** - a long, wooden, narrow boat used by the Vikings

**Resistance** - a force that opposes/stops movement

**Danelaw** - the northeast of England, where the Vikings occupied

**Normans** - a group of people descended from Norwegian Vikings, living in France.

Viking Life

**Farms** - Vikings loved to farm and kept cows, pigs and sheep for their wool, milk and meat.

**Houses** - A straw roof, wattle and daub for the inside of the walls, made of stone or wood on the outer.

**Jewellery** - worn to show off how rich they were

**Pagans** - they arrived as Pagans but converted to Christianity. Pagans worshipped many gods

**Sagas** - rhymes and stories about battles and monsters.



The Vikings were brilliant ship builders who built longboats that could sail right up onto the shore. They were built out of wood and made waterproof with tar and pine needles.

Significant Kings



Alfred the Great

886-899



King Cnut

1016-1035



Edward the Confessor

1042 - 1066



William the Conqueror

1066 - 1087