

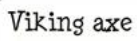
Vikings Work Pack – Week 1



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What do you know about the Vikings?

Explore the pictures beneath- what do you know about the Vikings? Who were they? How did they live their lives?

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Who were the Vikings?



The Vikings were a group of people originating from Denmark, Norway and Sweden. These countries are collectively known as Scandinavia.

The Vikings were skilled explorers, farmers and traders. They also raided places, with the first Viking raid on Britain taking place in 793 AD at Lindisfarne.

The Vikings arrived in Britain at the same time the Anglo-Saxons inhabited. The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings lived together in Britain for a long time.

The part of England ruled by the Vikings became known as Danelaw. This included places like York, Nottingham, Essex, Norfolk and Cambridge.

The Vikings did not just settle in England: they settled on the islands off the Scottish coast, the Isle of Man and some parts of Wales and Ireland.

Vikings also travelled to many other places whilst raiding and exploring. These included France, Italy, Iceland, Greenland, North America, Svalbard, Ukraine and Morocco.

It is thought that some Vikings travelled in search of better farming land.



The Vikings travelled the seas in longships. These boats could be over 30m long and carry more than 40 people.

Longships could also be used to sail in shallow waters, like up rivers. Vikings navigated by looking at the positions of the stars and could even tell if they were close to land by watching the direction of flying birds.

Viking Research

Use a computer, book or the information from the previous page to conduct your own research on the Vikings. You can present this however you like (poster, booklet, fact page)

Viking Timeline

Below are key dates during the Viking age. Please cut them out and stick them back in your book in the correct order.

<h1>Viking Timeline</h1> 			AD 876: Vikings from Denmark, Norway and Sweden settle permanently in England.	AD 793: First invasion by the Vikings. They raided monasteries on the coast including <u>Lindisfarne</u> , off the coast of Northumbria.
AD 1100: End of the Viking age	AD 1001: Vikings land in America and establish a settlement.	AD 866: Danes capture York (which the Viking called <u>Jorvik</u>) and make it their kingdom (land ruled by a king)	AD 700: The Viking age begins.	AD 886: King Alfred the Great defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in Eastern England.
AD 865: Great Viking army from Denmark invades England	AD 1066: Battle of Hastings occurred; William I (the Conqueror) crowned King of England.	AD 1014: King Canute (Cnut) of Denmark becomes King of England.	AD 954: Eric Bloodaxe, the last king of <u>Jorvik</u> , is thrown out of York	AD 794: First raids on Scotland and Ireland.