



Below is a map of Anglo-Saxon England. What do you notice? Are there any towns or cities that you recognise?



When the Vikings invaded they sailed from Scandinavia, across the North sea.

The first parts of Britain that they reached was the North East Coast.

Lindisfarne was one of the first places the Vikings attacked and not long after they began to raid villages and towns in the local area.



Æthelred II, known as Æthelred the Unready, was King of the English from 978 to 1013 and again from 1014 until his death in 1016.

He introduced something called Danegeld. Anglo Saxons paid taxes to pay to the Vikings. This was to stop them attacking their homes in the south.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
Chieftain	The main leader of a tribe, clan or group of people.
Feast	An important meal accompanied by a ceremony or special entertainment. A feast usually happened after a victory in battle.
Raid	The entering of a building or village with the use of weapons and violence.
Trade	The activity of buying and selling, or exchanging, goods and/or services between people or countries.
Farmer	A person who owns or manages a farm.
Warrior	A brave or experienced soldier or fighter.



We are going to be using Assassins Creed Valhalla to learn more about the Vikings. Follow the QR to find out more.





410. The Roman army withdraws from Britain

516. Battle of Mount Badon. The Britains fight back against the invaders, possibly led by King Arthur.

731. Bede finishes his 'Ecclesiastical History of the English People'

866. The Vikings capture York and make it their kingdom

886. King Alfred defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in north & eastern Britain - the Danelaw.

1066. Harold of Wessex becomes King, but later that year Normans attack and win the Battle of Hastings.

450. Angles, Jutes and Saxons are settling in Britain and creating their own Kingdoms.

597. St Augustine brings Christianity to England from Rome

793. Vikings from Denmark attack Lindisfarne

871 Alfred (the Great) becomes King of Wessex

927. King Alfred's grandson Aethelstan wins the Battle of Brunanburh and becomes the first King of all England.

1016. King Cnut of Denmark captures the English crown



Viking houses were built mainly of wood. They had a bowed structure which made them look a little bit like boats. They usually had one room which was used for cooking, living and sleeping.

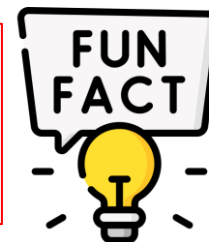


Longships were very important to the Vikings. They used these ships to sail the North sea and to reach Britain. The ships have a shallow bow to allow them to be sailed right up to the shoreline. This helped with quick invasions.



The main gods of the Vikings were Odin, Thor, and Frey. Viking or Norse gods lived in a kingdom in the sky called Asgard, in palaces made of gold and silver. The largest of these palaces was Odin's home called Valhalla.

Viking men spent most of their time farming.



Vikings buried their dead in boats.

Vikings were known for their excellent hygiene.

Vikings skied for fun.