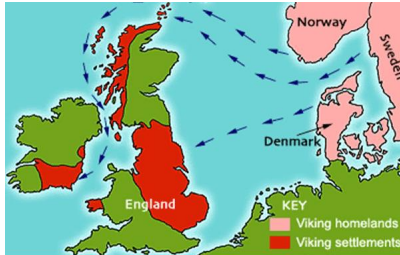


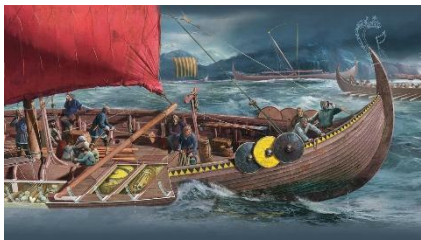


Key Knowledge

The Vikings came from Scandinavia, a region in Northern Europe made up of modern-day Norway, Denmark and Sweden.



Scandinavia was full of mountains so it was difficult to grow enough food for everyone. The Vikings wanted to explore other places to live.



They used **longships** to travel across the North Sea.



Over around 100 years they invaded large parts of Northern England. They began raiding England in 793 AD at Lindisfarne and by 884 AD an agreement was signed so that the Vikings could settle in the north of England, known as the **Danelaw**.

settlements



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society



conflict



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location



Key Vocabulary

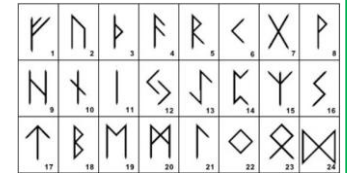
Meaning

longship	a long narrow wooden ship powered by a large sail and oars, for deep and shallow water
raid	surprise attack to steal goods
invader	a person or army who uses force to enter
Danelaw	an area in the north and east of England ruled by Vikings
shield wall	defensive battle formation
longhouse	a long, rectangular building with one room and a central fire pit - where Viking families lived
Valhalla	a mythical hall where warriors believed they would go after dying bravely in battle
Odin	chief of gods
hoard	hidden treasure

Did you know...

The Vikings used symbols called runes. These were made out of straight lines because they are easy to carve into stone and wood.

Find out more!



- Were Vikings really brutal raiders, or is that an unfair stereotype?
- What evidence might convince you?
- How might history be different if Vikings had stayed longer in North America?

Ancient Egyptians 3100 BC–332 BC

Ancient Greeks
1200 BC - 146 BC

Romans 753 BC – AD 476

