

Key Facts

When was the Viking era?

793-1066 AD. After the birth of Jesus Christ.

Who were the Vikings?

A group of people who lived in Scandinavia. Scandinavia is made up of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

Who were the Anglo Saxons?

A group of people who lived in Britain or Ireland. They did not like the Vikings because the Vikings kept trying to raid Britain and take over their land.

Why did the Vikings travel to Britain?

To farm. The land in Britain/Ireland was better for farming than in Scandinavia. Some Vikings travelled to Britain/Ireland to raid and steal the land.

A Viking Long Boat



Vikings travelled across the sea in longboats. They used oars to move.

Key Vocabulary

Danelaw: King Alfred allowed the Vikings a part of England to live in if they could live there peacefully. The land was named Danelaw.

Danegeld: Silver that was paid to the Vikings by King Ethelred II to stop the Vikings invading Britain.

Longboat: A long, wooden boat that Vikings used to cross the sea. They had sails and many oars.

Invasion: An attack to take over land.

Raid: An attack to take over land.

Longhouse: Narrow houses that Vikings lived in.

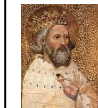
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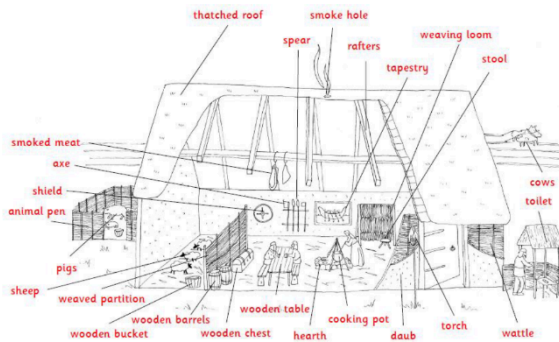
King Alfred AD 871-AD 899
Danelaw



King Ethelred II AD 978 -AD 1016
Nicknamed 'unready' because he was not very wise
Danegeld



Edward the Confessor AD 1042 - AD 1066
The son of King Ethelred II



Viking invasions shown on a map

