

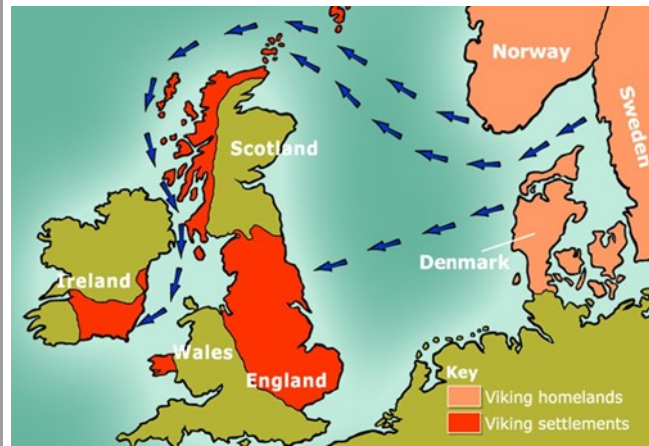
History - Viking - Year 5 - Spring 1 - Were the Vikings raiders or traders?



Vocabulary Top Ten:

Anglo-Saxon	someone who came from Germany to settle in Britain
berserkers	a Viking warrior who was known for fighting with reckless savagery
invasion	to enter as an enemy, by force, to conquer
Lindisfarne	a small holy island off the Northeast coast of England
longship	a Viking boat used for exploring and raiding
monastery	a building where people lived or worshipped
monks	a male religious member living in a monastery
raid	to steal or take something
stereotype	a fixed general idea that people believe
Viking	a person who came from Scandinavia (means 'to raid')

Viking Invasion Routes:



Viking Longship



Key Facts:

Vikings invaded from the three countries in Scandinavia: Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

The first serious attack from the Vikings was in 793 when they raided the monastery at Lindisfarne in Northumbria.

This raid caused the Vikings to get a bad reputation. The Vikings saw monasteries and churches as wealthy, undefended and easy targets.



Viking warriors fought using long swords and axes.

Precious ornamented crucifixes were a favourite target for Viking raids.

Viking helmet

The Vikings used trading ships which were known as a knörr ship - a wider boat which carried less people but more cargo.

The longship was the ship that Vikings used for raiding. It was around 20 metres long but only 2-3 metres wide. It was slim and strongly built of timber. It slid easily through the waves and was powered by a large square sail or long oars.

Viking Timeline

500-700 Viking society develops and expands in Scandinavia.	793 The Vikings attack Lindisfarne.	793-851 The Vikings settle in Orkney, Shetland and Faroe islands.	851 The Vikings make their first settlements in England.	867-870 The Vikings capture York and gain control of North East England.	875 King Alfred defeats the Vikings. Danelaw is set up and the Vikings are excluded from Wessex.	1016 King Cnut of Denmark rules England.	1042 Edward the Confessor retakes England.	1066 Norman Conquest - the Viking settlers are absorbed.
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