

Were the Vikings raiders or settlers?

History big ideas


Invasion 





Diversity – Viking Women

Viking women were inspirational for their roles as independent landowners, traders, and in some cases, warriors, challenging traditional gender norms and contributing significantly to Viking society and its exploration and expansion.

Key historical concepts

 Significance

 Interpretations

 Cause & consequence



Key Facts

- The Vikings travelled over the sea in longships.
- The Vikings left their homeland because they were looking for better places to farm.
- They traded with other countries.
- Vikings first attacked Britain in 787AD.
- They started to invade and settle in the British Isles in 793AD.
- Jorvik was a large Viking kingdom around York.
- In 878, King Alfred defeated the Vikings and made them sign a treaty saying they had to keep their own land – this was called Danelaw.

Key vocabulary	
Danelaw	An area of land which was under the control of the Danish Viking empire.
Hoard	A hidden (often buried) collection of treasure.
Longship	Long, narrow wooden boats sailed by the Vikings that could be sailed in both deep and shallow water
Monk	Members of a religious community of men with strict rules.
Pagan	A person who believes in more than one god.
Territory	A geographical area belonging to or under the rule of a government or group of people.
Treaty	An agreement that binds two or more countries together.
Raid	A rapid surprise attack on an enemy by troops.
Runes	Viking writing

Timeline	
793AD	The beginning of the Viking raids in Europe.
865AD	Viking army arrived in England and encamped in the Isle of Thanet. They captured many Anglo-Saxon territories.
866AD	The capture of York.
886AD	Establishment of Danelaw
1000AD	Discovery of North America.
1066AD	Defeat of Harald Hardara and the Viking army.

Historical Concepts – Our Learning Journey

Year 1

Invasion – Why is Old Sarum an important place?

Year 3

Invasion – How did the Roman invasion impact Britain?

Year 4

Invasion – How did the Anglo Saxon invasion impact Britain?

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