



# Knowledge Organiser: **The Vikings**

Assessment question: Were the Vikings invaders or settlers?

## Key vocabulary

Viking	A seafaring pirate or trader from Scandinavia.
Scandinavia	Denmark, Norway and Sweden
settlement	A small number of houses established in a new area.
explorer	A person who explores a new area.
invader	A person or group that invades a country or area.
Danelaw	The part of England the Vikings took from the Anglo-Saxons.
Longship (Knarr)	A long, narrow ship powered by oars and sails.
monastery	A building where monks live.
Norsemen	The name Anglo-Saxons called Viking raiders.
runes	Letters of the Viking alphabet.
pagan	A person who believes in a religion which is not one of the chief religions of the world.



**Where did the Vikings come from?**



## Timeline

<p><b>AD 793</b></p>  <p>The Vikings attack the island of Lindisfarne.</p>	<p><b>AD 866</b></p>  <p>The Vikings capture the city of York.</p>	<p><b>AD 871</b></p>  <p>Alfred the Great becomes the King of Wessex.</p>	<p><b>AD 878</b></p>  <p>They settle permanently in England.</p>	<p><b>AD 886</b></p>  <p>King Alfred agrees to a treaty with the Vikings.</p>	<p><b>AD 900</b></p>  <p>The Vikings rule the North of Scotland.</p>	<p><b>AD 954</b></p>  <p>The last Viking king of Jorvik is forced out of York.</p>	<p><b>AD 1013</b></p>  <p>King Sven of Denmark and his son Cnut sail up the rivers Humber and Trent to claim the throne.</p>	<p><b>AD 1042</b></p>  <p>Edward the Confessor is invited to return from Normandy to become the King of England.</p>	<p><b>AD 1066</b></p>  <p>King Harold is defeated in the Battle of Hastings.</p>
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