



'Why and how were the Vikings able to establish power in Britain?'

HISTORICAL TIMELINE	12000 BC	3100BC	2200 BC	800BC	27BC	0	410	790	1000	2000	2020
	Stone Age	Ancient Egyptians	Bronze Age	Iron Age	Roman empire	2,020 years ago	Anglo Saxons	Viking Invasion	1,020 years ago	20 years ago	Present Day

Vocabulary

settlement	A place where people have come to live and built homes.
conquer	To get something by force.
kingdom	A country whose ruler is a king or a queen.
Scandinavia	The area that is made up of the countries: Norway, Sweden and Denmark.
ritual	A ceremony or series of acts that is always performed in the same way.
monastery	A building where people worship and devote their time to God.
missionaries	Someone who makes it their mission to convert people to a particular religion.
fertile	Capable of producing fruit/ offspring.
treaty	A written agreement between two states.
massacre	The killing of many people.
archaeologist	An expert who studies objects from the past to learn about the people who lived then.
excavation	To uncover something by digging and removing the earth that covers it.

Recommended websites

- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/vikings.html>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>

The Vikings in the UK



When Vikings invaded Britain, they took control of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms of Northumbria, East Anglia and most of Mercia.

An imaginary dividing line was agreed to run across England, from London in the south towards Chester in the north west.

The Anglo-Saxon lands were to the west - Danelaw (the Viking lands), were roughly to the east.

There were three main areas where Vikings lived- Northumbria, East Anglia and Five Boroughs. (Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Stamford and Lincoln).

The most important city in the Danelaw was York.

Invasion from Scandinavia

The Vikings came from three countries of Scandinavia: Denmark, Norway and Sweden. The name 'Viking' comes from a language called 'Old Norse' and means 'a pirate raid'. People who went off raiding in ships were said to be 'going Viking'. The landscape of Scandinavia is rather varied. Norway is more mountainous, while Sweden is flatter with farmland and forests, and Denmark is dotted with hundreds of small islands.



Viking Longboat



Key Dates and Key People

790- 799 AD	First Viking raids on Britain	924 AD	Athelstan becomes the King of Mercia
793 AD	Attack on Lindisfarne (the first planned Viking raid)	928 AD	Athelstan retakes York from the Vikings and becomes the first King of England
871 AD	Alfred the Great becomes king of Wessex	978 AD	New Viking raids after King Aethelred the Unready is crowned.
876 AD	Guthrum (new leader of Vikings) attacks Wessex	1002 AD	Aethelred takes revenge on Vikings, orders all Danish men to be killed.
878 AD	Battle at Chippenham, many of Alfred's men are killed.	1042 AD	Edward becomes King, and becomes known as Edward the Confessor.
878 AD	Alfred's army beat the Danish Vikings. Alfred and Guthrum make a treaty.	1066	Battle of Hastings