

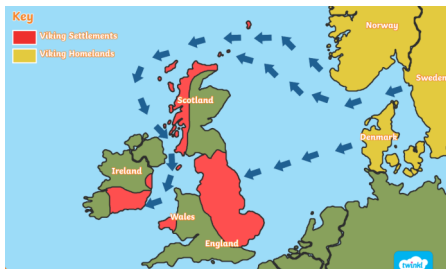
# Raiders and Invaders

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## Viking Facts

- ◇ 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'
- ◇ Vikings travelled in **Long-boats**. They carried many people and were long and streamline to move quickly through the water.
- ◇ The Vikings travelled from **Norway, Sweden and Denmark** to Britain to **raid, invade** and eventually **settle**.



- ◇ In AD 793, Vikings raided and ransacked the **Lindisfarne** Monastery in Northumbria. Although this was not the first Viking raid in the UK, it is considered the first significant attack in the whole of **Western Europe** and caused horror across the continent.
- ◇ The Vikings spoke '**Norse**' which had an alphabet made up of characters called **runes**.



F/V	U	TH	A	R	C/K/Q	G	W
H	N	I	J/Y	EI	P	Z	S
T	B	E	M	L	NG	D	O

## Did you Know?

Vikings did not have horns on their helmets! These pugnacious warriors probably wore head-gear but there is no evidence for horns.



The myth of the horns is thought to have originated in the 1900s by Scandinavian artists, such as Sweden's Gustav Malmström.

## Alfred the Great



In 878, **King Alfred the Great** defeated the Vikings in battle and had them sign a treaty saying they had to keep to their own land in England. This section of land was called **Danelaw**. The Viking era ended with the defeat of **King Harold** at the **Battle of Hastings** in **1066**. William I became the King of England.

## Legacy

Many towns and cities in Britain that were founded by the Vikings can still be spotted today. Places that end in -by, -thorpe or -ay were almost certainly Viking towns. York (Jorvik) was the most important in Danelaw.

As well as placenames, some of our surnames are Norse: Jackson, Stevenson and Davidson.