

Key Learning

Raid, Invasion, Settlement, law, kingdom, legacy

The Vikings (also known as **Norsemen**) come from three countries of **Scandinavia** : Denmark, Sweden and Norway. The name 'Viking' means a '**pirate raid**'. People who went off raiding in ships were said to be '**going Viking**'. Vikings travelled the seas on **longboats** raiding and **pillaging** lands.

The Viking Age in Britain began around **1200** years ago and lasted for just over **200 years**. They started out as short trips to steal treasure and take slaves. In time Vikings made their home in **Britain** and took it for themselves. The Saxon King, **King Alfred of Wessex**, fought them in a great battle but he could not stop them at first so had to let them have part of the country in a **treaty** known as **Dane-**.

People

King Alfred the Great (AD 849 – 899)	Alfred did a lot of great things for England including defeating the Vikings in several battles and keeping part of England under Anglo-Saxon rule
King Canute (AD 995-1035)	Viking King of England, Denmark and Norway
William the Conqueror (AD 1028 – 1087)	William became King of England in 1066 after winning the Battle of Hastings

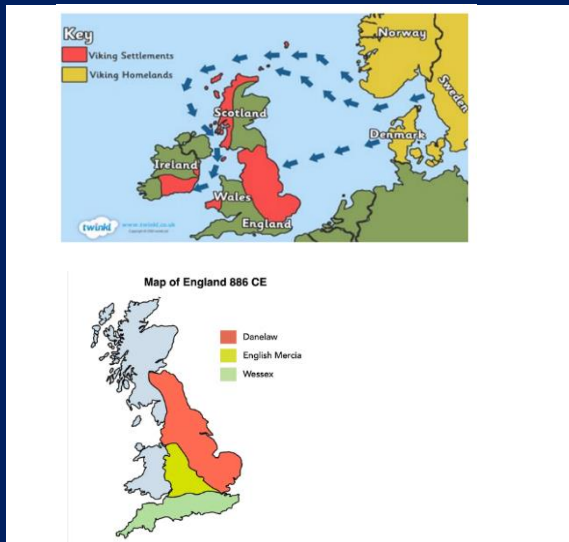


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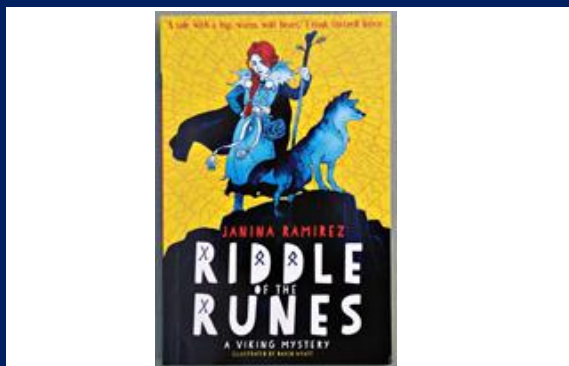


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Key Maps



Good Read



Key Vocabulary

Conquer	To take control by force
Danelaw	An area of Northern and Eastern England that was under the control of the Danish Viking empire from the late 9th century -early 11th century.
Longship	A long, narrow warship powered by both oar and sail with many rowers used by the Vikings
Monastery	A place used for prayer such as a church or chapel, staffed by monks
Pagan	A person who believes in many gods
Plunder	To loot during a raid, often causing damage at the same time
Raid	A surprise attack
Runes	Viking writing / letters
Saga	A long Viking poem which tells the story of a Viking hero
Settlement	A place where people come to live and build their homes
Trade	Sell items for money , or swap them for other items
Treaty	An agreement made between two or more people groups or countries
Valhalla	Viking heaven for warriors

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