

Vocabulary

Danegeld	'Paying the Dane'. King Etherlred paid the Vikings in silver to go home but they kept returning and were paid 22000kg of silver in Danegeld altogether.
invade	To enter and occupy land.
kingdon	An area ruled by a king.
longship	A long, wooden, narrow boat used by the Vikings.
pagan	A religion where many gods and goddesses are worshipped.
pillaged	To violently steal something.
raid	A surprise attack.

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History - Anglo Saxons and Vikings



Key Knowledge:

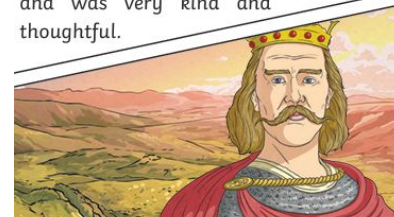
Vikings came from what are now Denmark, Norway and Sweden. They travelled in boats called longships and first arrived in Britain in around AD 787.



They raided important places (e.g monasteries) and pillaged important items to trade. They wanted to claim land and take over much of Britain.



AD 1042 – Edward the Confessor became King. He was known as 'the Confessor' because he led a very religious life and was very kind and thoughtful.



AD 1066 – Harold II tried to stop Harald of Norway from invading England and killed him in the Battle of Stamford Bridge.

William, the Duke of Normandy, thought he should be king so came to fight Harold in the Battle of Hastings (AD 1066). Harold was shot through the eye with an arrow and died in the battle. William of Normandy, who became known as William the Conqueror, became King, bringing the Viking and Anglo-Saxon age to an end in AD 1066.