



Knowledge



Vocabulary

The Vikings sailed huge distances from their home in Scandinavia between AD 800 and 1066.

The Anglo-Saxons were established in England, but the Vikings would turn up every now and then to raid towns and take a bit of land.

Sometimes, instead of fighting the Vikings, the Anglo-Saxons decided it was better to pay them money, so they'd stay away. This payment was called **Danegeld**.

Important events

**789** Vikings first invade Britain - went back home

**793** Vikings attacked a monastery (**Lindsifarne**) and then started to settled here

**866** Raided and conquered York forming the **Kingdom of Jorvik**

**871** Vikings defeated by **Anglo-Saxon** King, Ethelred

**886** A boundary between Anglo-Saxon and Viking territories was established. The areas the Viking settled in were known as **Danelaw**

**1066** The Normans began to rule after the Battle of Hastings

Viking longships were long, narrow and flat. Longships were fast, durable and capable of going on both choppy seas and shallow rivers. They were also light enough to be carried over land.



The Vikings worshipped their gods in the open air choosing natural landmarks such as big rocks or waterfalls. Warriors believed that if you died in battle you would go to **Valhalla** to join Odin, the God of knowledge.



The Viking alphabet made up of **runes**.

**Norsemen** - A member of any of the peoples of medieval Scandinavia.

**Raids** - a rapid surprise attack on an enemy by troops, aircraft, or other armed forces.

**Homeland** - a person's or a people's native land.

**Monastery** - a building occupied by monks living under religious vows. The Vikings were not Christians like most people in Britain at the time. They raided Christian monasteries, which were easy targets for the Vikings. The monks had no weapons and the buildings were filled with valuables.

The Vikings were skilful weavers and made their own clothes.

Women made the wool into yarn and used natural dyes from plants to give it colour.

Men wore tunics and trousers and women wore a long dress.

