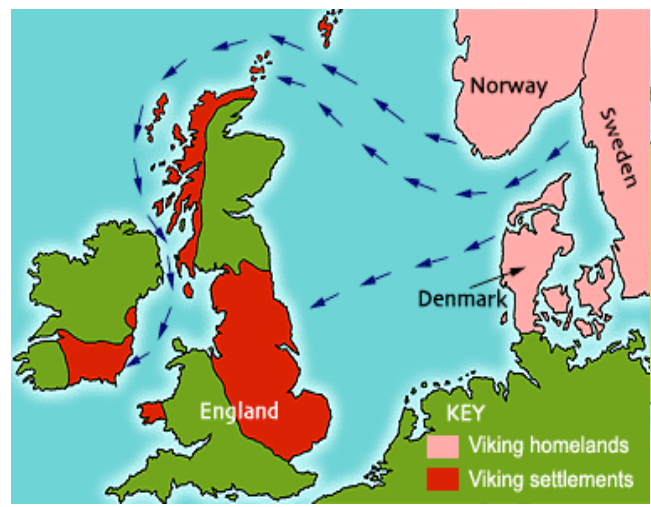


# Viking Invaders- Knowledge Sheet



Viking clothes were made from wool, linen and animal skins. The Vikings were skilful weavers and made their own clothes. Women, with the help of children, 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 with a pinafore over it. Their clothes were fastened with belts and brooches.



The Vikings invaded the monastery on the island of Lindisfarne in 793. They stole treasure as they knew the monks were not armed.

The Danelaw was an area that covered the north and east of England during the 9th and 10th centuries. It was mainly controlled by Danish (not Norwegian) Vikings, and the Dane's law was used to rule the people (hence Danelaw). Danelaw was an agreement between the Saxon King Alfred and the Danish king to keep peace.

The three most important Viking Gods  
**Odin** - the leader of the gods - god of magic, poetry and war. His wife was Frigg  
**Thor** (Tor in Scandinavian languages) was the god of thunder. Thor had iron gloves, a magic belt and a hammer. He was also god of protection. He provided protection from cold, hunger, giants and other dangers. The giants were  
**Freyr** - god of agriculture and fertility. Freyr was worshipped on a regular basis all through-out the year for future prosperity. He was the twin of Freyja (goddess of love and fertility).

The Vikings had many battles with the Anglo Saxons to try and control Britain.

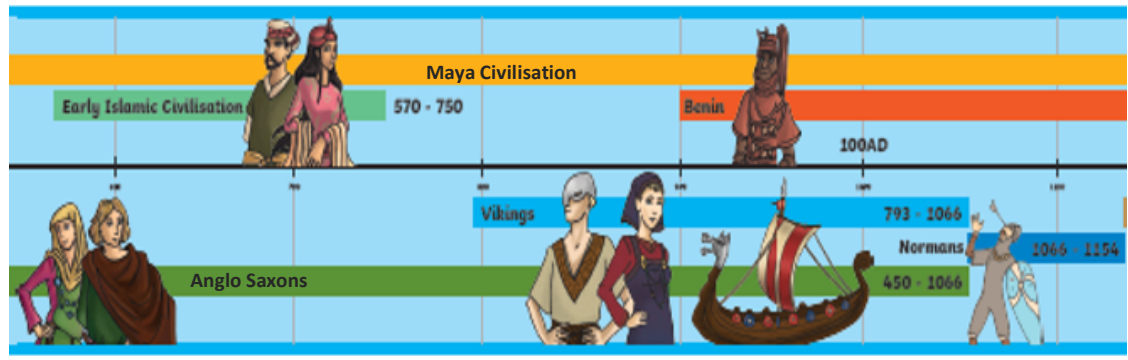


Alfred the Great defeated the Vikings in battle. Danelaw was agreed after the battle.

## English words that originated from the Viking language.

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| Arm     | Mistake |
| Bag     | Plow    |
| Cake    | Race    |
| Child   | Raise   |
| Club    | Rot     |
| Die     | Saga    |
| Egg     | Same    |
| Freckle | Scarf   |
| Guest   | Sky     |
| Husband | Sick    |
| Egg     | Sister  |
| Freckle | Take    |
| Guest   | Troll   |
| Husband | Trust   |
| Knife   | Ugly    |
| Knot    | Viking  |
| Lad     | Want    |
| Law     | Weak    |
| Loose   | Window  |

793	First invasion by the Vikings. They raided monasteries on the coast including Lindisfarne, off the coast of Northumbria.
794	First raids on Scotland and Ireland.
820	Viking raids continue around the English coast
821	Wessex becomes the Supreme Kingdom
865	Great Viking Army from Denmark Invades England
866	Danes capture York (which the Vikings called Jorvik) and make it their kingdom (land ruled by a king)
871	King Ethelred, the West Saxon king, and his brother Alfred, defeat the Viking army at the Battle of Ashdown (in Berkshire).
876	Vikings from Denmark, Norway and Sweden settle permanently in England.
886	King Alfred the Great defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in Eastern England (the Kingdoms of York and East Anglia) This area on England becomes known as Danelaw and is ruled by the Viking King Guthrum.
901-937	Eastern England (Danelaw) is conquered by the English
950	Vikings from Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Hebrides raid Wales, particularly the coastal monasteries.
954	Eric Bloodaxe, the last Viking King of Jorvik, is thrown out of York.
980	New Viking Raids on England
994	Olaf of Norway and Sven 'Forkbeard', son of the Danish king, lead an invading Danish army in an unsuccessful siege of London, and subsequently ravage the south-east.
1014	King Canute (Cnut) of Denmark captures the English Crown
1042	Edward the Confessor becomes King (A Saxon King)



**Norse Myths (Sagas)**  
 The Vikings told many stories about gods, giants, trolls and dragons. They were full of magic, adventure, trickery and mischief. They describe people living in Midgard (Middle Earth) and gods and goddesses living in a sky world called Asgard. A beautiful rainbow bridge linked Midgard with Asgard.

**Valhalla**  
 The Vikings believed that men who died in battle went to Valhalla (Old Norse Valhöll, "Hall of the slain"). It a great hall where dead heroes feasted with the gods.



The first invasion of Britain by Vikings was in 793AD. Vikings invaded Lindisfarne Monastery.



King Canute captured the English Crown in 1014. Eric Bloodaxe was the last king of the Viking Kingdom of Jorvik (York)



Fjords are deep, narrow inlets of water surrounded by tall cliffs. They were created millions of years ago by huge sheets of ice called glaciers.

**Viking Houses**  
 The Vikings built their houses from local material such as wood, stone or blocks of turf. They lived in long rectangular houses made with upright timbers (wood). The walls were made of wattle (woven sticks, covered with mud to keep out the wind and rain). Viking houses were often one room homes with a cooking fire in the middle. The smoke escaped through a hole in the roof. Animals and people lived in the same building. The animals lived in a byre at one end of the house and the people lived at the other.

