



Did you know?

The English language was greatly affected by the invasions of the Vikings, in particular through town and village names in the north and east of England. It is also thought that Vikings may have been the first Europeans to have explored the Americas, around 1000. The Vikings also were responsible for the world's now oldest parliament – the Tynwald – in the Isle of Man

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Vicious Vikings

Key Facts	
The Vikings came from all around Scandinavia. They sent armies to Britain about the year 700 AD to take over some of the land, and they lived here until around 1050.	
The Vikings wanted new land because the places where they came from in Scandinavia weren't very easy to live on.	
It was hard to grow crops, but Britain and Europe had plenty of good farmland, so the Vikings tried to claim some of that land for themselves.	
The Vikings would turn up every now and then to raid towns and take a bit of land. Sometimes the Anglo-Saxons decided it was better to pay them money so they'd stay away.	



Key Vocabulary	
Longboats	Longboats were seagoing vessels made and used for trade, exploring, and raiding. They were used by early people on the Baltic Sea and the North Sea.
Invader	Someone who enters by force in order to conquer something e.g. land, money, possessions.
Scandinavia	Denmark, Sweden and Norway, in Northern Europe.
Raids	A rapid surprise attack on an enemy by troops or other armed forces.
Settlements	A place, typically one which has previously been uninhabited, where people establish a community.
Runes	Viking letters of the alphabet
Beserker	Terrifying Viking warriors

Timeline									
410	793	865	876	927	954	994	1013	1016	1042
Romans leave Britain	First invasion by the Vikings. They raided monasteries on the coast including Lindisfarne	Great Viking Army from Denmark invades England. Danes capture York (Jorvik) and make it their kingdom.	Vikings form Denmark, Norway and Sweden settle permanently in England.	Athelstan unites English kingdoms	Eric Bloodaxe is thrown out of York.	Olaf of Norway and Sven 'Forkbeard' lead an invading Danish army in an unsuccessful siege of London.	King Sven of Sweden lands and becomes King of England	King Canute of Denmark becomes King of England.	Saxon Edward the Confessor returns to become King of England.

Who?	
Alfred the Great	Defeated the Vikings at Battle of Ethandun Created Danelaw
Canute the Great	Ruled as the First Viking King of England

