

Winter Wonderland

Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Scandinavia

Key vocabulary

Nordic countries —Denmark, Norway, Finland, Iceland, Sweden and their associated territories

Scandinavia —a subset of the Nordic countries: Denmark, Norway and Sweden

Anglo-Saxons— a civilisation of people who invaded and settled in Britain between 410-793 AD. The Anglo-Saxons came from modern-day areas of Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands. recently historians have explained that some settlements may have been far more peaceful than the traditional view of 'violent invasions'.

Vikings- a civilization of people who attacked, invaded and settled in England and other countries between 793 – 1066AD. The Vikings largely came from Scandinavia.

Voyage-a long journey involving travel by sea or in space.

Pillage—to steal goods using violent tactics

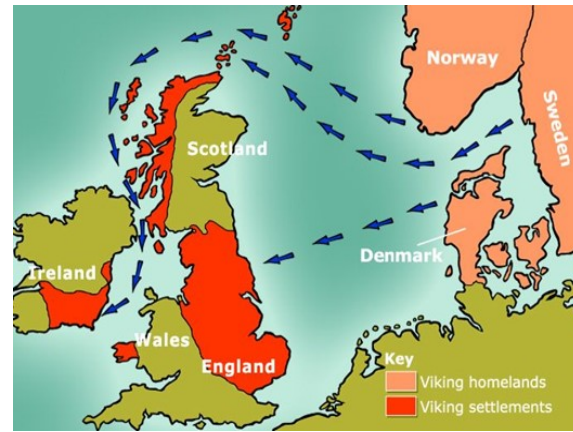
Raid—to suddenly attack a place

Invade – to aggressively attack an area or community.

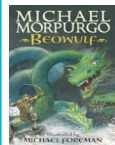
Myths – a traditional story, usually featuring a hero, which tells us about the history and beliefs of ancient people.

Valhalla – Viking heaven; Vikings believed you would go here if you died bravely in battle.

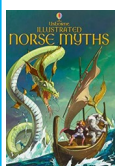
Longship – Vikings built and sailed in amazing boats called longships.



Key Texts



Beowulf - the Scandinavian hero Beowulf kills the monster Grendel, Grendel's mother and a dragon.



Illustrated North Myths - a collection of Viking myths. The myths are set in nine magical realms, bound by an ash tree called Yggdrasil.



Viking Boy - Viking Gunnar's father is killed. Gunnar vows to cross the bifold bridge to Valhalla and bring him back...



Macbeth - Witches tell Macbeth that he will be King. He kills the king, becomes the new king, and kills more people out of paranoia. Civil war occurs.

Timeline of Key Events

AD 410 Last Romans leave Britain.

AD 450 German Saxons settle in Kent.

AD 516 Battle of Mount Badon.

AD 570 Heptarchy (the seven kingdoms of Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Sussex, Wessex and Kent) emerges in England.

AD 600 First Law Code written in English in Aethelbert's kingdom in Kent.

AD 613 Northumbrian kings rule over most of England.

AD 757 Offa becomes king of Mercia and arguably first king of all England.

AD 789 First recorded Viking attack (Dorset)

AD 793 Viking attack on Lindisfarne.

AD 842 Viking raids on London.

AD 865 Great Heathen Army invade.

AD 878 Battle of Edington.

AD 927 Athelstan unites English kingdoms.

AD 950 Vikings from Ireland & Isle of Man raid the west coast of Wales.

AD 991 Battle of Maldon leads to the first payments of Danegeld.

AD 1000 Vikings reach Newfoundland.

AD 1013 King Sven of Sweden lands and becomes King of England.

AD 1016 King Cnut becomes King of England.

AD 1042 Saxon Edward the Confessor returns to become King of England.

AD 1066 Battle of Hastings.