

# Year 5 Topic snapshot– Raiders and Invaders



Viking  
Voyagers



Raiders and  
Invaders



Viking  
Settlers



Viking  
Valhalla



Decline of  
the Vikings

## Key vocabulary

**Vikings**– a civilization of people who attacked, invaded and settled in England and other countries between 793 – 1066AD.

**Scandinavia** – the name for the group of countries which the Vikings came from – Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

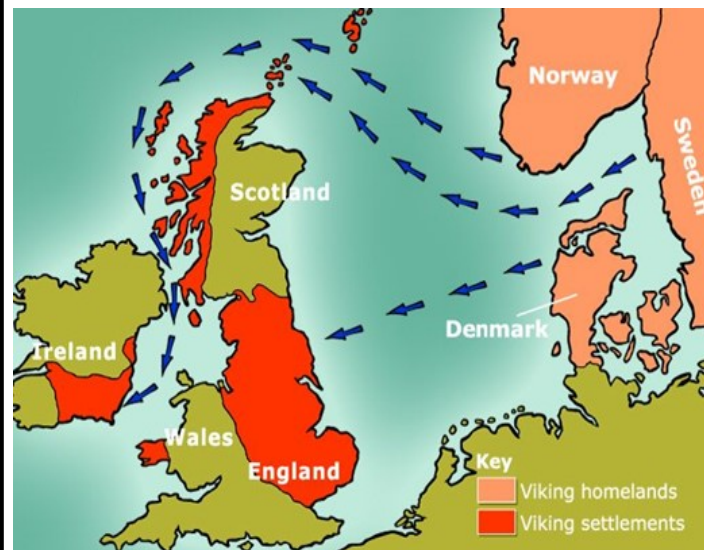
**Invade** – to aggressively attack an area or community.

**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.

**Lindisfarne** – the first place Vikings attacked in England, in 793AD.

Scandinavia shown in orange. Where Vikings attacked and settled shown in red.



## Key objects

**Longship** – Vikings built and sailed in amazing boats called longships. They were narrow but long, so that they could sail up rivers but also hold lots of Vikings – and the people/items they captured during raids!

**Shields** – Vikings made and used huge circular shields to protect themselves in battle.

**Spears, swords, axes** – these are the weapons Vikings used in battle.

**Animal horns** – used for drinking out of (not used on helmets!)

**Longhouse** – The buildings Vikings lived in, carefully designed to suit their lifestyle.