

Sticky Knowledge

- ✓ Not all Vikings were warriors. Many came in peace and become farmers.
- ✓ The lands that the Vikings occupied were known as Danelaw.
- ✓ Not many Vikings, if any, wore horns in their helmets.
- ✓ Vikings spoke Norse, which had an alphabet made up of runes.
- ✓ Longships were designed to sail in both deep and shallow water so that they could get close to the shore so they could not be easily seen.
- ✓ Vikings were pagans and often raided monasteries, looting gold.
- ✓ The most important Viking British city was York or Jorvik as it was known by the Vikings.
- ✓ The Viking time period is 793-1066 AD

Days of the Week

The names for most of the days of the week originate from Vikings.

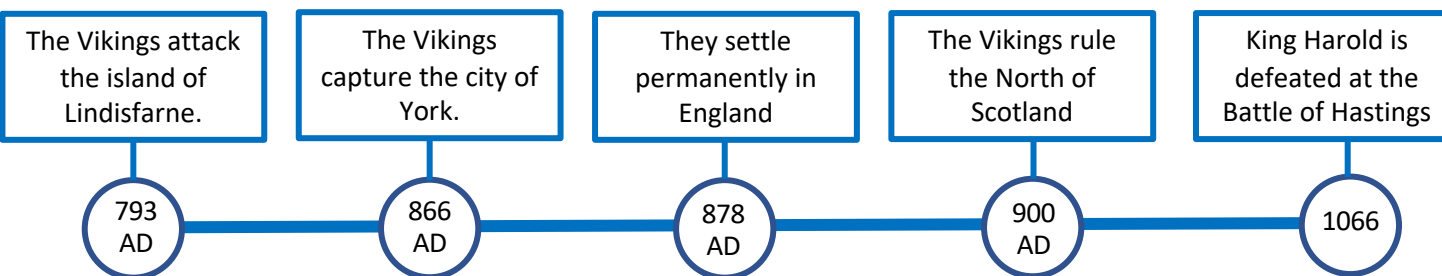
Monday – linked to the moon by the name Mani – Norse for Moon.

Tuesday named after the Viking God of War – Tyr.

Wednesday – named after Woden.

Thursday – named after Thor, the God of thunder.

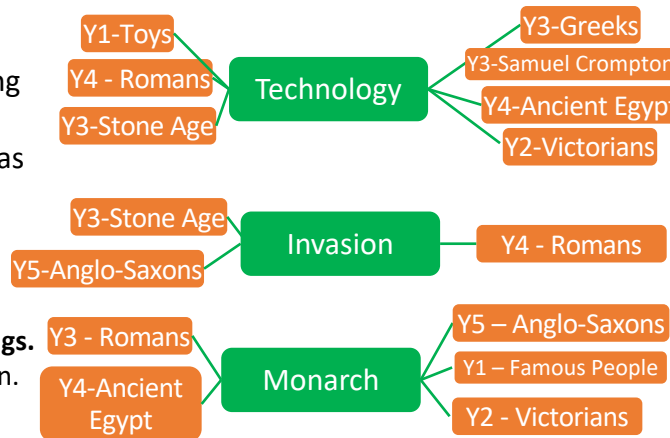
Key Events



Big Idea

In the centuries after their first raid on English soil in A.D. 793, Vikings made a historic series of attacks, waged wars and formed settlements in the British islands, leaving a permanent impact on the land, culture and language.

Themes



Vocabulary

archaeologist: People who work out our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.

raids: A sudden armed attack against it, with the aim of causing damage rather than occupying any of the enemy's land.

vicious: To be intentionally harmful or nasty. Vikings warriors were known to be vicious.

longhouse: A large hall like building where many Viking families would live together.

berserkers: Warriors that went to war wearing wolf or bear skins. They were out of control and charged fearlessly. The word 'berserk' came from it.

longship: The narrow boat used by Vikings to raid along coasts.

Odin: One of the most famous Viking Gods known for wisdom.

Scandinavia: The name given to the collection of countries: Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Danelaw: The name given to lands in Britain occupied by the Vikings.

misconception: This means misunderstanding. In Viking terms there were many misunderstandings about the Vikings.

Jorvik: The Viking name for the city of York. York now has a famous Viking museum called Jorvik.