

Vicious Vikings Knowledge Organiser

Key words

Raids	To enter a place to look for something or someone to steal.
Danelaw	The name of the area of England that officially belonged to the Viking.
Norse	Things belonging or related to people from Scandinavia.
Longship	Ships used by the Vikings for trade, exploring and raiding.
Monasteries	A building where people live and work, devoting their life to God.
Jorvik	The Viking name for the city of York.
Alfred the Great	Famous Anglo-Saxon king who made peace with the Vikings.
Invader	Someone who enters by force in order to conquer.
Settler	A person who moves to a new place with the intention to stay there.
Raider	A person who enters a place in order to steal or take something.
Conqueror	A person who defeats another to take control.
Pagan	People who don't believe in one of the main world religions.
Scandinavia	The area made up of the countries Norway, Sweden and Denmark
Runes	An ancient writing system.
Lindisfarne (or Holy Island)	An island off the north-east coast of England. The Vikings raided the monastery on Lindisfarne in 793AD.

Sticky Knowledge:

- The Vikings came from Scandinavia.
- Viking warriors were known to be vicious, however not all Vikings were warriors. Many came in peace and became farmers.
- Vikings were pagan and often raided monasteries, stealing gold. We know now that monks exaggerated those accounts.
- The lands that the Vikings occupied were known as Danelaw. The most important Viking city was Jorvik.
- Longships were designed so they could get to shallow water and go away quickly without being seen.
- We know what Viking writing looked like from the runes that have been discovered.

