

# Vikings: Raiders, Traders, and Settlers

*Learning objective: To recall and understand key facts about the Viking Age, their lifestyle, and their impact on Britain.*

Read each question carefully and try to answer it before checking the answer on the other side of the card. Use these to test your knowledge about the Vikings!

**Who were the Vikings?**

People from Scandinavia (modern-day Norway, Sweden, and Denmark) who travelled by sea to trade, explore, and raid.

**What was the name of the famous wooden boat used by Vikings to navigate rivers and shallow water?**

A Longship.

**Where did the Vikings launch their first major recorded raid in Britain in AD 793?**

The monastery at Lindisfarne.

**What were the Viking letters used for writing called?**

Runes.

**What is a 'Longhouse'?**

A long, narrow building where Viking families lived, often keeping their livestock inside during winter.

**What was the 'Danelaw'?**

The part of England where Viking laws and customs were used instead of Anglo-Saxon ones.

**What was a Viking leader or nobleman called?**

A Jarl.

**What do we call the stories of Viking heroes and adventures that were passed down orally?**

Sagas.

**Besides raiding, what other peaceful activities did Vikings do?**

Trading, farming, fishing, and crafting jewellery or weapons.

**What did Vikings use to navigate the open sea before they had compasses?**

The sun, the stars, and their knowledge of bird migrations and currents.