

Vikings: Raiders, Traders, and Settlers

Learning objective: To structure an informative historical report about the lives and impact of the Vikings in Britain.

Use this writing frame to organise your research. Ensure you use formal, historical language to explain how the Vikings changed life in Britain. Remember to check your punctuation and use the word bank to connect your ideas.

The Viking Age in Britain began in AD 793 with the dramatic raid on the monastery at Lindisfarne, changing the course of British history forever.

Word bank: Furthermore · Consequently · In contrast · During the Viking Age · Significantly · Archaeological evidence suggests · Although · In addition

1. Introduction: Why did the Vikings first come to Britain, and what was their initial impact? Start your paragraph with: The Vikings travelled from Scandinavia across the North Sea because... (3 marks)

2. Daily Life: What was life like for a Viking farmer or craftsman? Describe their homes and skills. Start your paragraph with: Contrary to the image of fierce warriors, many Vikings were... (3 marks)

3. Viking Ships: Explain the importance of the longship. Start your paragraph with: The design of the Viking longship was a technological marvel because... (3 marks)

4. Settlement and Culture: How did the Vikings influence British culture, language, or place names? Start your paragraph with: When the Vikings began to settle, they made lasting changes to Britain by... (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise the legacy of the Vikings today. Start your paragraph with: In conclusion, the Viking influence remains visible in modern Britain through... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant travelling back in time. Write a diary entry from the perspective of a Viking explorer describing your first sight of the British coastline.