

# The Viking Age: A Scholar's Reference Mat

Learning objective: To master advanced historical vocabulary and analyse the impact of Viking raids and settlements in Britain.

## Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to explore the complex world of the Norse people. Terms are grouped by Social Structure, Maritime Technology, and Settlement & Conflict.

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| <b>Longship</b> A shallow-draught vessel designe...   | <b>Drakkar</b> A 'dragon-ship' often featuring a car... | <b>Navigation</b> The art of determining position a... |
| <b>Raiding</b> Sudden, fast attacks on coastal mo...  | <b>Danelaw</b> The area of Northern and Eastern ...     | <b>Settlement</b> The process of establishing a pe...  |
| <b>Trade</b> The exchange of goods, such as furs,...  | <b>Mercenaries</b> Skilled soldiers hired by foreign... | <b>Earl (Jarl)</b> A powerful nobleman or chieftain... |
| <b>Thing</b> A governing assembly where free peo...   | <b>Thrall</b> A person who was enslaved, performi...    | <b>Runes</b> An ancient alphabet used by the Nor...    |
| <b>Saga</b> Long, detailed stories passed down thr... | <b>Valhalla</b> The majestic hall in Asgard where ...   | <b>Norse</b> The people from Scandinavia who sp...     |
| <b>Scandinavian</b> Relating to the region of Nor...  | <b>Odin</b> The chief god in Norse mythology, ass...    | <b>Explain why the ...</b>                             |
| <b>Compare and con...</b>                             | <b>Justify whether t...</b>                             | <b>What might have ...</b>                             |
| <b>Analyze the impo...</b>                            | <b>Imagine you are E...</b>                             |                                                        |