

Vikings: Raiders, Traders, and Settlers

Learning objective: To recall key facts about Viking life, exploration, and their impact on Britain.

Read the front of the flashcard to test your knowledge. Flip to the back to check your answer. How many can you get right?

What were the traditional wooden boats used by Vikings for travel and raids?

Longships

In 793 AD, which famous monastery in Northumbria was raided by Vikings?

Lindisfarne

What is the name of the system of writing used by the Vikings?

Runes

What was the name of the area in Northern and Eastern England where Viking laws were followed?

The Danelaw

What was a Viking leader or nobleman called?

A Jarl

What were the long, rectangular wooden buildings that Vikings lived in called?

A Longhouse

What do we call the long, heroic stories about Viking adventures and families?

Sagas

Which Viking king is famous for his attempted conquest of England and his short reign?

Sweyn Forkbeard

Besides raiding, what peaceful activity did many Vikings engage in to acquire goods like silk and spices?

Trading

Which metal did Vikings often use to make jewellery, swords, and brooches?

Iron or Silver

What was the name of the assembly where Viking freemen met to settle legal disputes?

The Thing

Which present-day country were the Vikings originally from?

Scandinavia (including modern-day Norway, Sweden, and Denmark)