

Knowledge Organiser - Anglo-Saxons and Vikings



Year 5 - History

Key Vocabulary	Definition
<i>settlement</i>	A place where people have come to live and built homes.
<i>conquer</i>	To get something by force.
<i>kingdom</i>	A country whose ruler is a king or a queen
<i>Scandinavia</i>	The area that is made up of the countries: Norway, Sweden and Denmark.
<i>ritual</i>	A ceremony or series of acts that is always performed in the same way
<i>monastery</i>	A building where people worship and devote their time to God.
<i>missionaries</i>	Someone who makes it their mission to convert people to a particular religion.
<i>fertile</i>	Capable of producing fruit/ offspring.
<i>treaty</i>	A written agreement between two states.
<i>massacre</i>	The killing of many people
<i>archaeologist</i>	An expert who studies objects from the past to learn about the people who lived then.
<i>excavation</i>	To uncover something by digging and removing earth that covers it.
<i>Odin</i>	Father of the gods
<i>Frigg</i>	Odin's wife, the goddess of love
<i>Thor</i>	The god of thunder and protected

KEY KNOWLEDGE:

The Vikings (also known as Norsemen) come from three countries of Scandinavia: Denmark, Sweden and Norway. The name 'Viking' means a 'pirate raid'. People who went off raiding in ships were said to be 'going Viking'. Vikings travelled the seas on longboats raiding and pillaging lands.

The Viking Age in Britain began around 1200 years ago and lasted for just over 200 years. They started out as short trips to steal treasure and take slaves. In time Vikings made their home in Britain and took it for themselves. The Saxon King, King Alfred of Wessex, fought them in a great battle but he could not stop them at first so had to let them have part of the country in a treaty known as Danelaw.

They travelled over the sea in longships, which are long, narrow wooden boats that could be sailed in both deep and shallow water.

Flags of Scandinavia



Norway



Sweden



Denmark



Viking ship used for battle or transportation.

Seven Kingdoms

Britain was split into 7 kingdoms in AD 660: Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Wessex, Sussex and Kent.

