

Traders & Raiders

The Viking Age in Britain began in 793 AD and lasted over 200 years.

789 AD - First recorded Viking attack.

793 AD - Viking raid on Lindisfarne.

886 AD - Vikings and King Alfred divide England.

1066 AD - Battle of Hastings.

The history of the Northmen was told in stories called 'sagas'. Long before the sagas were written down, the stories of the heroes were sung in halls and on battle fields by the poets of the nation. These poets were called Skalds.

The areas the Vikings settled in were known as the Danelaw. We know where Vikings settled by place names of towns and villages today.



Vikings words that are still used today:

Ugly
Cake
Wrong
Berserk
Husband
Knife
Window
Thursday



Glossary

Invade: To enter a country by force and take over the country or area of land.

Raid: Attack a country or area of land.

Conquer: To take control of a place or people by force.

Trade: Buying and selling items.

Settle: Move with a group of others to live in a new country or area.

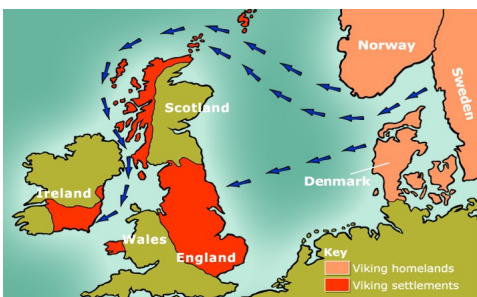
Sailor: Someone who sails a ship or works on the ship.

Saxon: A member of a Germanic tribe who invaded and settled in Britain.

Germanic: People who speak German, Swedish or English.

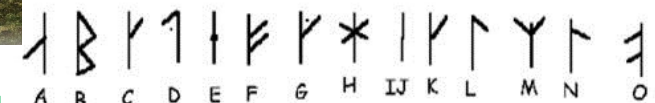
Viking: A member of a Scandinavian tribe who invaded and settled in Britain.

Longhouse: A long, single-roomed house from wood, stone and mud.



Viking warriors **didn't** wear horned helmets!

The Vikings came from Norway, Sweden and Denmark (Scandinavia). They raided as far as Russia. They even discovered Iceland.



The Viking Runic Alphabet