

History Topic: the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor

Vikings Invade!
How did things change?



Thundersley Themes for History:



BEFORE: The Anglo-Saxons were settled in Britain.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Vikings came across the North Sea, just as the Anglo-Saxons had done 400 years earlier. There was a struggle for power between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings.

AFTER: In 1066 the Normans came from France and took control.

CHRONOLOGY

793	Viking raids of monasteries, including Lindisfarne
876	Vikings from Denmark, Norway and Sweden settled permanently in England.
886	King Alfred The Great fought the Vikings then made peace so that Anglo Saxons and Vikings settled down to live together.
	The Vikings and Anglo Saxons fought each other for 200 years.
1066	King Edward the Confessor died. This led to the Norman invasion and the Battle of Hastings

What? (Key Vocabulary)

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
Viking raids	The Vikings fought local people, stole from churches and burnt buildings to the ground.
conquer	To beat an enemy and control them using force
monastery	A building where monks live, work and pray
Anglo-Saxon Chronicle	A collection of historical records recounting the history of the Anglo-Saxons. Written when Alfred the Great was king.
the Confessor	A title given by the Christian Church to a type of saint.

'Be a historian' Key Concepts

Chronology and Communication: Describe events giving some key dates.

Knowledge/understanding: Give a broad overview of life in Britain during the settlement of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings.

Enquiry: What changes happened? Are there different accounts? Use different sources of evidence: Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, archaeological finds in York, treasure in Lancashire.

Interpretation: Would you rather live as an Anglo Saxon or a Viking? Was life better in Viking times? Use evidence. Critique- is this valid evidence?