

# Vikings v Anglo Saxons

## What you've learnt already

- The impact of the Roman Empire on Britain
- The fall of the Roman Empire
- How civilisations work and key achievements of different civilisations

## Choices

Do you think that King Alfred deserved the title 'Great'?

What is your opinion of the Vikings as invaders and settlers?

Do you think the punishments were fair? Do you think law and order has improved?

Who do you think deserved to be the king in 1066?

## Key Vocabulary

Anglo Saxon	People who settled in England from Northern Germany and Southern Scandinavia
Exile	Being banned from your own country
Jury	A set of people who give verdict in a
Pagan	Person who holds religious beliefs other than those from a main religion
Pillage	To rob using violence
Runes	A set of ancient letters
Saga	A long story of heroic achievement
Thing	Viking meeting to decide on justice
Viking	People from Scandinavian countries who raided and settled in North Europe
Wergild	Compensation that must be paid to a victim after a crime

793– 1st Viking raids

C.757 - C.796– Alfred the Great ruled over Mercia as King.

865– Viking Great Army invades

866 Vikings capture York

878 Alfred the Great won the Battle of Edington

886 Treaty to divide lands

## Timeline

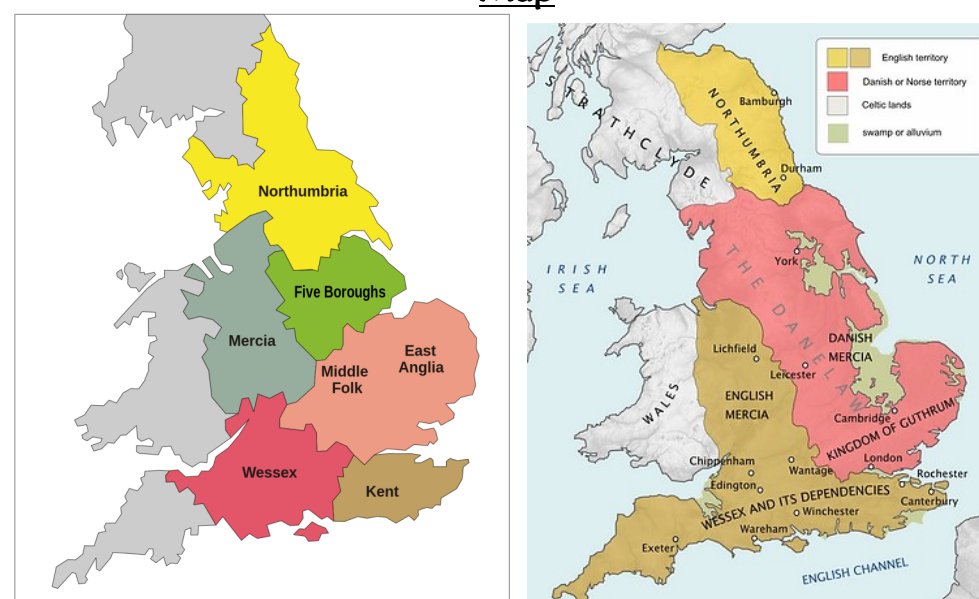
924 Athelstan becomes the first King of England

1016 Cnut of Denmark becomes King of England

1042— Edward the Confessor becomes the Saxon King of England

1066—End of Anglo Saxon era after the Battle of Hastings

## Map



## Key Facts and Dates

- Wessex was the leading Kingdom
- King Alfred is the only king to be known as 'Great'
- The Danes ruled an area called the Danelaw.
- England became a Christian country during the Anglo Saxon time.
- Athelstan was the first King of England.
- Danes were kings starting with Cnut.
- Edward the Confessor took the throne back from the Danes but was the last Saxon king.

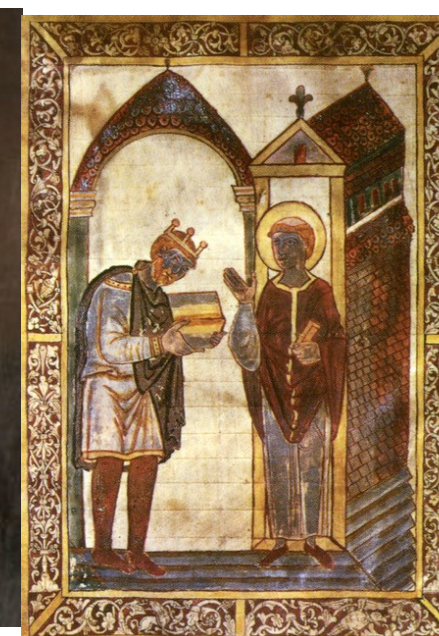
## Lesson Sequence

L1	Understand the main reasons the Vikings invaded Britain.
L2	Compare the significance of Viking and Saxon kings.
L3	Understand the key aspects of Viking life.
L4	Analyse the legal system and compare to others from similar eras.
L5	Explain how the Saxon kings

## Famous Figures



Alfred the Great



Athelstan



William the Conqueror

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What was the area of Britain ruled by the Danes called?	Who wrote the Anglo Saxon laws?	Who was the first King of England?	What was the Viking alphabet called?
What were Viking stories called (1 point) and what were they about (1 point)?	Which 2 battles were fought by Harold Godwinson?	In what year did Edward the Confessor (the last Saxon king) die and which family ruled after that year?	What was agreed after the Battle of Edington between Alfred and Guthrum?
Where did the Vikings come from? 1 point per country.	Why did the Vikings come to Britain? 1 point per reason	What were Viking houses called and what were they like?	How did Vikings settle disagreements? 1 point for each.
Why was King Alfred called 'the Great'? 1 point per reason	What punishments might an Anglo Saxon court decide? 1 point per punishment	Who were the claimants to the throne after the death of Edward the Confessor?	Name some of the gods that the Vikings believed in before their conversion to Christianity. 1 point for each.

One Point

Two Points

Three Points

Four Points