

Knowledge Organiser Year 6
Unit: Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle
for the Kingdom of England

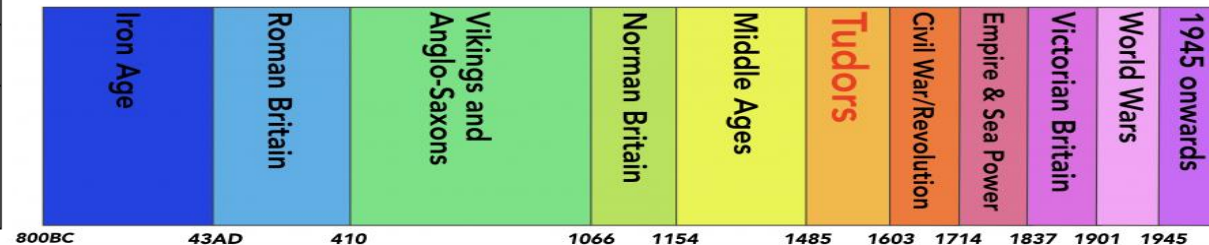
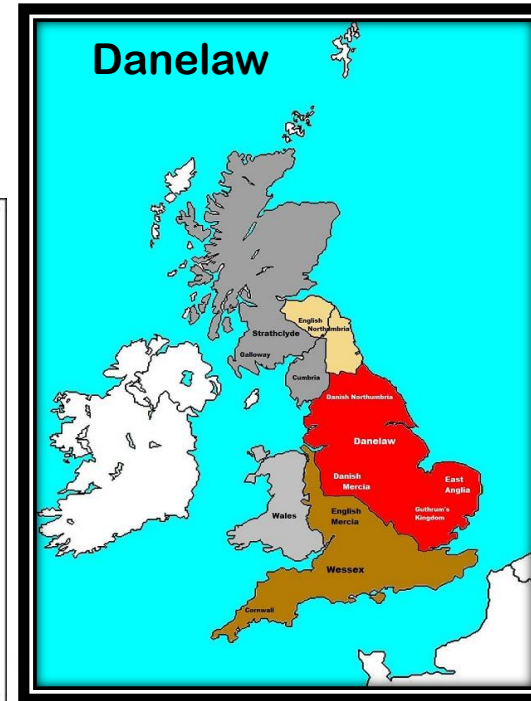
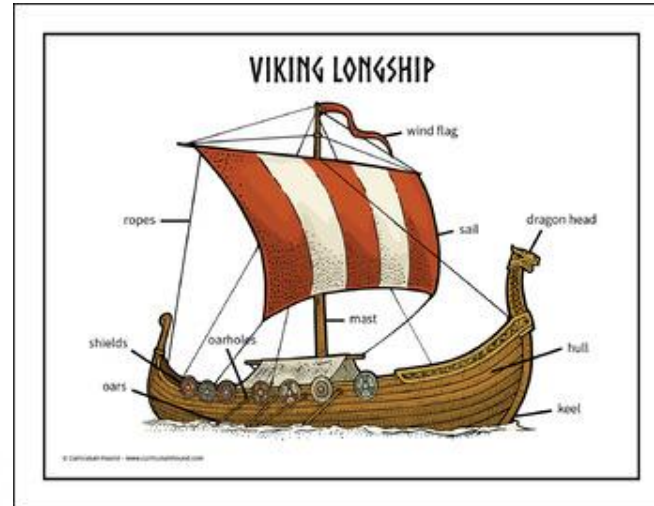
Key Vocabulary	
Danegeld	"Paying the Dane". King Ethelred paid the Vikings 4500kg of silver to go home but they kept returning and were paid 22,000kg of silver in Danegeld altogether.
exile	To be sent away.
invade	To enter and occupy land.
kingdom	An area ruled by a king.
longship	A long, wooden, narrow boat used by the Vikings.
outlawed	Having all property taken away and no longer being able to live in the community.
pagans	A religion where many gods and goddesses are worshipped.
pillaged	To violently steal something.
raid	A surprise attack.
wergild	A payment system used to settle disputes between a criminal and the victim or their family.

King Guthrun

In 878, King Guthrun of the Vikings captured the town of Chippenham and used it as a base from which to launch a series of devastating attacks on Wessex.

Alfred the Great

Alfred the Great (849-899) was one of the most famous Anglo-Saxon kings. King of Wessex, he defended England from the Vikings



Lesson Sequence

- 1 • What image do we have of the Vikings?
- 2 • Why have the Vikings gained such a bad reputation?
- 3 • How did the Vikings try to take over the country and how close did they get?
- 4 • How have recent excavations changed our view of the Vikings?
- 5 • What can we learn about Viking settlement from a study of place name endings?
- 6 • Raiders or settlers: how should we remember the Vikings?