



Vocabulary

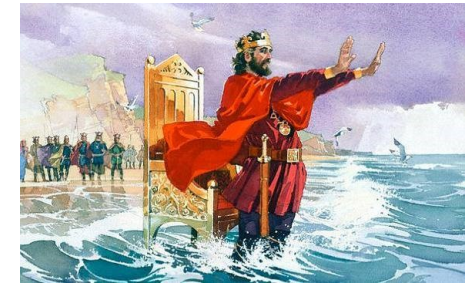
Violent Vikings Key Questions

Key Person King Cnut



Born 990CE

Died 12th November 1035



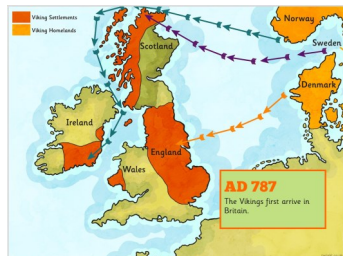
Who were the Vikings?

Why did the Vikings stop raiding and begin invading?

Did the Viking invasions have a positive or negative impact on the UK?

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Raids	A surprise attack on an enemy by armed forces.
Legend	A traditional story that is believed to be rooted in truth but has evolved over time and taken on fictional elements.
Myth	A made up story often about gods and spirits which is told to explain things about the world.
Tunic	a loose garment, typically sleeveless and reaching to the knees, as worn in ancient Greece and Rome.
Longboat	a large boat which may be launched from a sailing ship.

Key Facts
The Vikings are also called Norsemen, and came from Scandinavia.
The Vikings left their homeland because they were looking for better places to farm than the kind of terrain that Scandinavia had.
The Vikings first attacked Britain in 787CE, but didn't start to invade and settle in the British Isles until 793
As many as 35,000 Vikings migrated from Denmark to England
Viking warriors believed that when they died in battle, they went to Valhalla—this is where the King of Gods lived—Odin



Timeline of the Viking invasion

793	865	866	901–937	954	1014	1042
First invasion by the Vikings.	Great Viking army from Denmark invades England.	Danes capture York and made it their kingdom.	Eastern England (Danelaw) is conquered by the English.	Eric Bloodaxe, the last Viking King of Jorvik, is thrown out of York.	King Cnut of Denmark captures the English crown.	Edward the Confessor becomes King (a Saxon King)