

## Knowledge Organiser - Viking Raiders

### Key Vocabulary

### Definition

Conquer	To take charge of another place, usually by force
Invalidate	To attack and take land of another place
Raiders	People who attack, and take what they find away with them
Longship	A long, narrow warship, powered by both oar and sail with many rowers
Berserker	An ancient Norse warrior who fought with wild or uncontrolled ferocity.
Hoard	Treasure stolen or collected in raids
Colonise	To settle in a new place with a group of people
Danegeld	Money paid to Viking raiders to stop them attacking.



### Key people, places and dates

Lindisfarne	The town in which a devastating Viking attack on the church of St Cuthbert in 793 took place.
York	Viking invasion of York took place on November 1st 866AD and was led by Ivar The Boneless who along with King Halfden renamed the city Jorvik.
The Battle of Ashdown	A West Saxon victory over a Danish Viking army on about 8 January 871. The location of Ashdown is not known, but may be Kingstanding Hill in Berkshire.
Swain Forkbeard	In 1013 Swein's attempts to conquer the entirety of Anglo-Saxon England finally came to fruition, although this only lasted five weeks!
Cnut the Great	A Viking king (Swain's son) who united the English and Danish people of England to become the first ruler since the fall of Rome to rule over all of England. He ruled for 19 years.
The Battle of Stamford Bridge	On the 25th of September 1066, an English army under King Harold Godwinson fought an invading Norwegian army led by King Harald Hardrada. After a bloody and brutal battle, both Hardrada and Tostig along with a large number of the Norwegians were killed. This battle marks the end of the Viking Age in England.

### What you will learn:

- Who the Vikings were and where they came from
- How and why Vikings travelled to Britain
- What a Viking raid was
- How successful Vikings were in invading Britain
- Some of the key battles between the Vikings and people in Britain
- How and when the Viking age in Britain ended
- How Vikings influenced Britain

## Viking raiders - 10 things you must know

1. Where did the Vikings come from?
2. How did the Vikings manage to travel to Britain?
3. Why did the Vikings chose to come to Britain?
4. What was a Viking raid?
5. Were the Vikings successful in invading Britain?
6. Name an important Viking that you have learnt about.
7. Name some significant places in England that the Vikings invaded.
8. When and how long did the Viking age in Britain last?
9. How and why did the Viking age in Britain end?
10. How did the Vikings influence Britain?