



Key Vocabulary

Kingdom	A country or region that is ruled by a king or queen.
Raid	A sudden armed attack against a place that may cause significant damage.
Danelaw	Parts of the UK that followed Danish law and custom.
Unified	Joining together to become one.
Prosperous	Places, people or economies that are rich and successful.
Conquest	The act of taking over a country or group of people.
King Alfred	A well-known Anglo-Saxon king.
Initiatives	An important act or statement that is intended to solve a problem.

Challenge

Were the Vikings positive or negative for Britain?

Prior Learning – sticky Knowledge I have.

In Year 4 – The Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain and had many battles with the Vikings. Before the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, the Romans had settled into Britain and developed more advanced civilisations. We can still see advancements from different civilisations today.

What I will learn – new sticky knowledge.

- 1. Who were the Vikings and why did they come to Britain? (Sequencing the past)**
The Vikings originated from Scandinavia (modern Norway, Sweden and Denmark). There is very little written evidence but artefacts have helped. They began raiding parts of Britain before settling.
- 2. What impressions do you think the Vikings gave to those living in Britain? (Constructing the past)**
People saw the Vikings as raiders because of numerous invasions. However, they focused on trading to improve their lives.
- 3. How pleasant was Viking life? (Constructing the past)**
The Vikings built longhouses, traded clothing materials, farmed and believed there were 5 main gods.
- 4. What can we learn about Viking settlement from a study of place-name endings? (Significance)**
Most places can be found in Danelaw. The names often used an important person's first name followed by the type of settlement. Places tended to have the suffix -by, -holm and -Thorpe.
- 5. Does Alfred deserve to be called the 'Great'? (Interpretations)**
Alfred The Great was an Anglo-Saxon king who defended Wessex against the Vikings. He was a very popular king and introduced many initiatives that made him more powerful.
- 6. 'The Vikings were defeated after Alfred, do you agree? (Cause and effect)**
The Vikings lost against Alfred the Great and settled peacefully into Britain.

