

## Vikings: Knowledge Organiser Years 3 and 4

**What will I learn in this unit?** In this unit I will make informed judgements about what life was like for the Anglo- Saxons and Vikings. I will understand what invading and settling is and explore the relation between them. I will understand what life was like before the Vikings invaded and learn about what happened when they did - and why not everybody saw things the same way!

**Key enquiry question:** Does describing the Vikings as Vicious raiders accurately represent them? How did the Saxons manage to regain control of England?



Why did the Vikings raid Lindesfarne?

Why might different people see the same event differently?

Which parts of the world did the Vikings travel to?

Who was King Alfred and why is he remembered?



Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, c. 650-800AD



Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain

After the Romans left Britain, there were lots of small kingdoms instead of one big empire. This time is called the early Middle Ages, or Anglo-Saxon period.

In AD 793, something shocking happened. Vikings sailed across the sea and attacked the monastery on Lindisfarne, an island important to the Christian church. Monks lived there, prayed, and wrote books. To the Anglo-Saxons, attacking a holy place was a terrible thing.

### The Anglo Saxon Chronicle



The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle tells us how in 865, a 'great heathen horde' of Vikings landed in East Anglia. By 871, the Vikings had defeated the armies of Northumbria, East Anglia and Mercia, killing their kings or forcing them to flee.

This is a 'Primary source' because it was written at the time by people who were actually there, making it very useful to historians!

Perspective	Chronicle	Primary Source	Secondary Source
How different people might see the same thing or event differently	A record of events written in time order. Can you see how this links to the word 'chronological'?	Something that was made, drawn, painted or written at the time being studied	Something made or written by a person who has looked at multiple primary sources - such as a book or web page

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