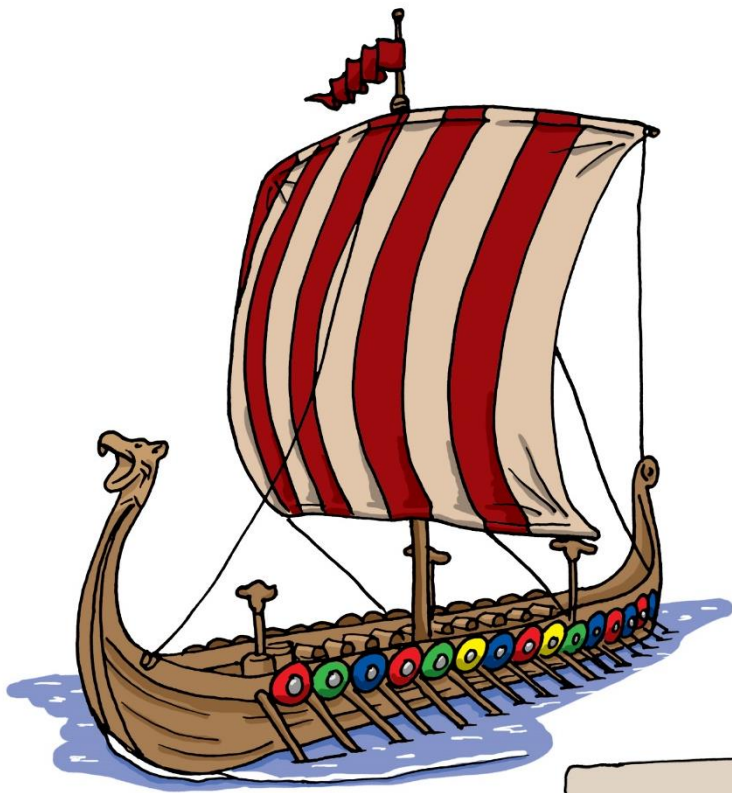


Who Were The Vikings and Where Did They Come From?

The Vikings came from countries that we now call Norway, Sweden and Denmark. This area is called **Scandinavia**. These were countries that were **surrounded** by sea and covered in forests. The Vikings lived near the coast and were farmers, fishermen and **craftsmen**.

The Vikings were '**Norsemen**'. Norsemen means men of the north.

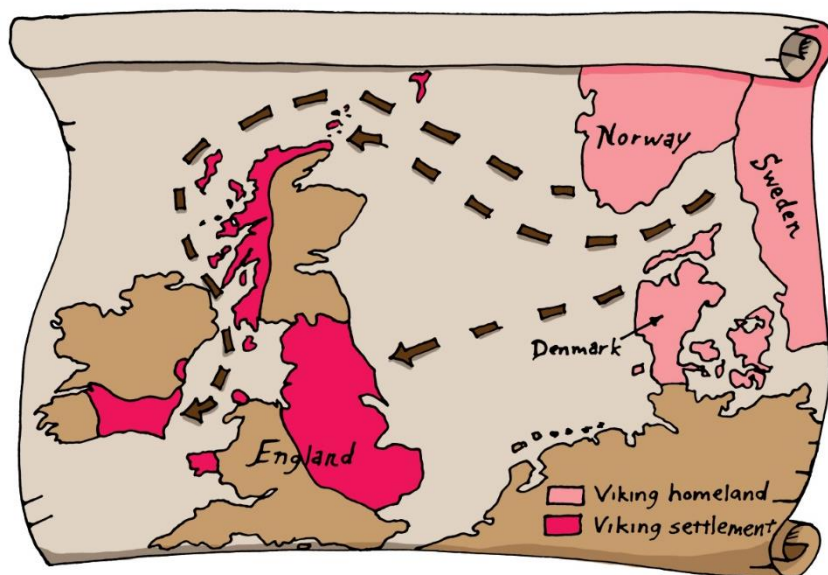


They Travelled By Ship

Vikings wanted **fame** and **wealth**. They got both of these things by **raiding** other lands. The Vikings were **exploring** and raiding for about 300 hundred years. They travelled across the seas in ships called **longships**. They raided for money, treasure and **slaves**. They also went looking for new places to **settle**.

Settlements

The Vikings settled in the places that they had **conquered**. When they had settled, they farmed and fished and **traded** with local people.



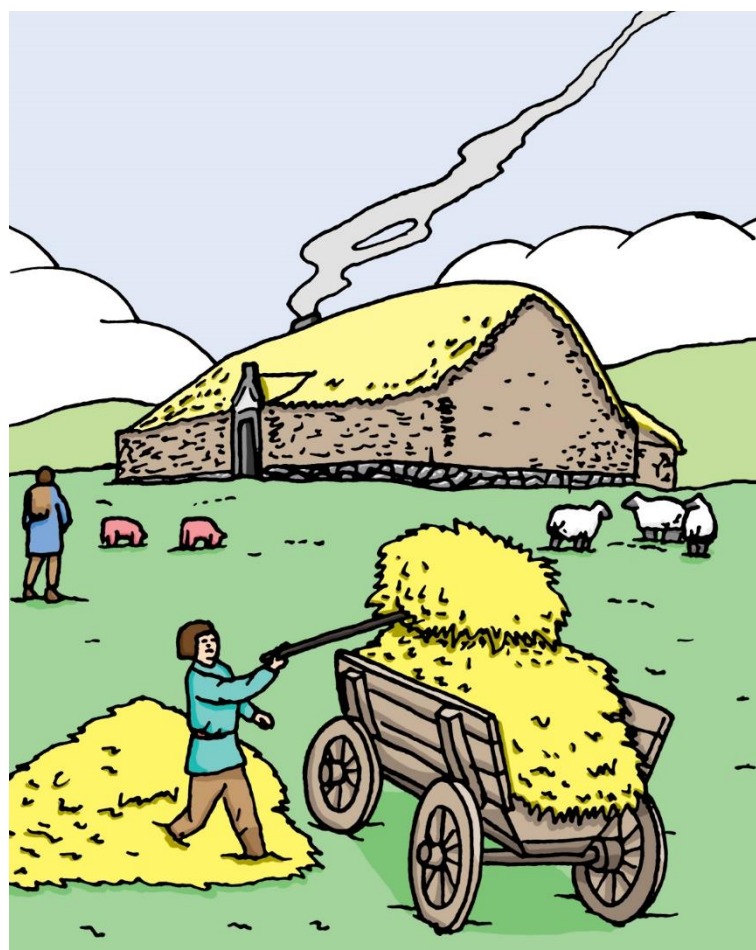
This map shows the different places the Vikings travelled to.

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Farming and Fighting

If a Viking wanted to raid, they needed to own a ship. This meant that they would need some money. Most Vikings **owned** their own land, with a wife who could run their farm while they were away, and enough slaves to keep the farm going.

Most of the men on a Viking ship were young. They wanted to make some money so that they could become famous one day.



Vikings Crafts

Viking **smiths** made tools, weapons, plates and jewellery. They used iron, lead, gold and silver. They also made silver coins, which were used for trading.

How Do We Know About the Vikings?

We have learnt lots of information about the Vikings from **graves**, **burial ships**, and **hoards** of buried treasure. **Historians** also wrote about their **conquests**. Viking **myths** have also been passed on by storytellers.



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Who Were the Vikings and Where Did They Come From? – 2a – Text

Who Were The Vikings And Where Did They Come From? – Oral Teacher Questions

Where did the Vikings come from? (AF2) **Norway, Sweden and Denmark. This area is also called Scandinavia.**

What does Norsemen mean? (AF2) **Norsemen means the men of the north**

Why did the Vikings raid? (AF2) **For money, treasure and slaves.**

What type of text is this? How do you know? (AF4) **Non-Chronological Report.**
Answers may vary.

What features does it have? (AF4) **Headings, sub-headings, pictures, diagrams and maps.**

Why is the heading a question? (AF6) **Various answers, must be justified.**

Choose one word to describe a Viking. Explain why you have chosen that word. (AF5)
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Would you have liked to have been a Viking? Explain why? (AF3) **Various answers, must be justified.**

What would it have been like to travel on a Viking longship? (AF3) **Various answers, must be justified.**

Do you think that Vikings preferred farming or raiding? Why? (AF3) **Various answers, must be justified.**

Why have some words been written in purple? (AF4) **Because they are tricky words that we might not know the meaning of.**

Can you think of any reasons why the Vikings might have wanted to settle in Britain? (AF3) **Various answers, must be justified.**

Who Were The Vikings And Where Did They Come From? – Follow-Up Work

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Who Were The Vikings And Where Did They Come From? – Vocab 1

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settle _____

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Write the meaning of these words:

exploring – to travel to an new area and find out more about it.

longships – a long, narrow warship, powered by oar and sail, used by the Vikings.

slaves – a person who is owned by another person and is forced to work for them.

settle – to make somewhere your home.

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Who Were The Vikings And Where Did They Come From? – Vocab 2

Use a thesaurus to improve each word that is underlined. Then improve each sentence by adding interesting adjectives and powerful verbs.

The Viking walked to his farm.

The Viking _____ to his farm

The _____
_____.

He ate his dinner quickly.

He _____ his dinner quickly.

He _____
_____.

“Come here slave!” he said.

“Come here slave!” he _____.

_____.

Who Were The Vikings And Where Did They Come From? – SPAG 1

Write down 5 items a Viking farmer might own.

_____	_____
_____	_____

Now use commas , to separate the items in a sentence.

The Viking farmer owned a _____, _____,
_____, _____, and _____.

Put a circle around the conjunction in this sentence.

We know lots about the Vikings because of what we have found in their burial ships.

Add a suffix to each of these words (use a different one each time).

raid _____ settle _____ farm _____

Ten Vikings are getting ready to go on a raid. They have to pack lots of things into their kit bag. They take:

shoe boot sword shield box dish teddy fish

Can you help the Vikings to write a list to help them remember what they need to take? Because there are ten Vikings each item on the list needs to be plural (more than one). To make a word plural we change the ending by adding s, es or ies.

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swords	fishes	
shields		

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Who Were The Vikings And Where Did They Come From? – SPAG 2

Put these words into alphabetical order.

settle _____

Viking _____

raid _____

slave _____

craftsmen _____

Read the sentences below. Underline or highlight all the mistakes you can see. Write the sentences correctly below. Remember to look at spelling and punctuation and to check the sentences make sense.

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