

## Essential Vocabulary

Norse	The Scandinavian people
raid	A sudden attack or invasion
stereotypical	An assumption about what someone will do or how they will behave based on what social groups they belong to.
depicted	How something is represented
conquer	To master or overcome by strength of mind or character
Excavation	To uncover by digging
settler	A person who settles in a new region
migration	A long journey to a new home
pillage	To openly and forcefully seize goods from during war
impression	The effect or influence that something or someone has on a person's thoughts or feelings
monk	A man who lives apart from society and devotes his life to religion.

## Year 5 Spring 1- Who won the struggle for the kingdom of the England Vikings?



Invasion



Settlement



Rulers

	Essential Knowledge
Who were the Vikings?	The Vikings came from Scandinavian countries on longboats. Originally, they came to raid villages and steal the resources. Later on, they settled the land. They spoke Norse and worshipped pagan gods (much like the Anglo-Saxons).
Who was Alfred the Great?	Alfred was a forward thinking king of Wessex. He created the system of counties and got people communicating with one another (networking and record keeping). He fought back against the Viking invaders and his son (Athelstan) became the first English King. Education was important to him.
How close did the Vikings get to taking over the country?	At first, the Vikings came only to raid monasteries and communities for wealth, then return home. Later, they began to conquer and settle large areas of the country (the Danelaw). There was a struggle for power between the Viking and Anglo-Saxon rulers, leading to the Kingdom of England.
Why did the Vikings have such a bad reputation?	We always need to be sure of the origin of any story before we make a judgement. The stories of the Viking raids were often written by wealthy monks, who only gave their side of the story. We also need to check whether a story is completely factual. We now know Vikings were also skilled sailors, ship builders, farmers and successful traders.

## Bridging back



Year 5: How Dark  
were the Dark Ages ?  
(Anglo-Saxons)

Golden thread		Definition
<b>Settlement</b>		<b>A community in which people live.</b>
<b>Invasion</b>		<b>The taking over of a place with force.</b>
<b>Ruler</b>		<b>A leader who commands.</b>
<b>Diversity</b>		<b>A variety of people from different ethnicities or backgrounds.</b>
<b>Landscape</b>		<b>The features of an area of land.</b>
<b>Trade</b>		<b>Buying and selling goods and services.</b>
<b>Travel</b>		<b>To go from one place to another.</b>

## Bridging forward



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