

## What are the differences between a Viking and an Anglo-Saxon?

### Skills

#### **When, where and why did the Vikings invade Britain?**

Develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study.

#### **How did Anglo-Saxon kings influence Britain?**

Be able to address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference and significance.

#### **Who was King Ethelred II and when was a Danegeld introduced?**

Be able to construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.

#### **What were the aspects of Viking life?**

Be able to construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.

#### **What was the legal system in Anglo-Saxon Britain?**

Be able to address historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference and significance

#### **How did the Anglo Saxon kings shape Britain?**

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### Knowledge

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| Subject Specific Vocabulary |   |
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| <b>Viking</b>               | Also known as Norsemen. Viking means 'to raid' and they came from the lands of Scandinavia. |
| <b>Anglo-Saxon</b>          | A group of farmer-warriors who inhabited Britain over a thousand years ago.                 |
| <b>saga</b>                 | A long story of heroic achievement.   |
| <b>runes</b>                | The Anglo-Saxon alphabet.   |
| <b>longhouse</b>            | Permanent homes built from wood and bark in the shape of a long rectangle.                  |
| <b>danegeld</b>             | A tax that the English kingdoms paid to the Vikings.  |
| <b>Danelaw</b>              | A part of England under Viking rule.  |
| <b>wergild</b>              | Money paid as compensation.   |
| <b>monastery</b>            | A building where monks live.  |



| Exciting Books   |  |
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| Information or fact books about Vikings and Anglo-Saxons |  |
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## Sticky Knowledge about Vikings and Anglo Saxons

Not all Vikings were warriors. Many came in peace and became farmers.

Contrary to popular belief, Vikings did not have horned helmets.

The most important Viking British city was York, or Jorvik, as it was known by the Vikings.

Vikings were pagans and often raided monasteries looking for gold.

The Anglo-Saxons came from The Netherlands (Holland), Denmark and Northern Germany.

The Normans were originally Vikings from Scandinavia.

The English (Anglo-Saxons) lost the Battle of Hastings in 1066 and William of Normandy replaced King Harold as the king of England.