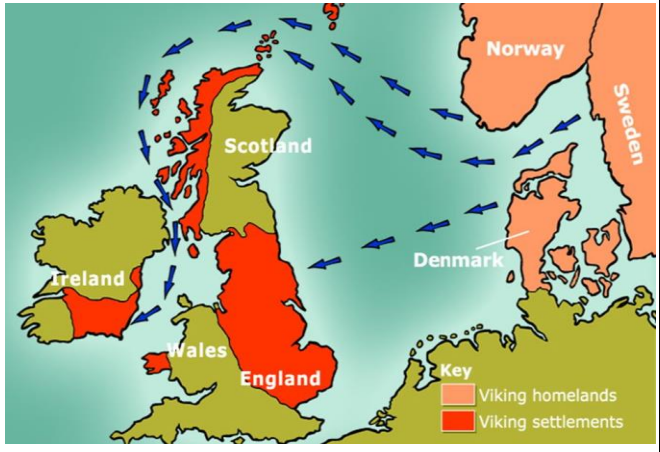
History – Viking and Anglo-Saxon Struggle – Year 4

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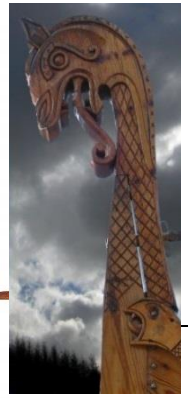
barbarian	an uncivilized person
berserkers	a Viking warrior who was known for fighting with reckless savagery
invasion	to enter as an enemy, by force, to conquer
Lindisfarne	a small holy island off the Northeast coast of England
longship	a Viking boat used for exploring and raiding
monastery	a building where people lived or worshipped
raid	to steal or take something
Viking	a person who came from Scandinavia (means 'to raid')

Viking Invasion



Viking Longship



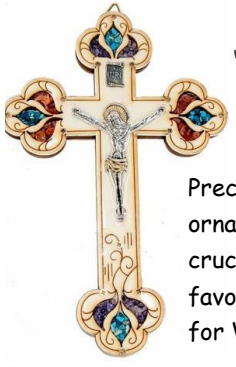


Key Facts:

Vikings invaded from the three countries in Scandinavia: Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

The first serious attack from the Vikings was in 793 when they raided the monastery at Lindisfarne in Northumbria.

This raid caused the Vikings to get a bad reputation as 'barbarians' but to the Vikings, monasteries and churches were wealthy and undefended easy targets.



Precious ornamented crucifixes were a favourite target for Viking raids.



Viking warriors fought using long swords and axes.



Viking helmet

The longship was the Viking raiding ship. It was 25 metres long but only 2 metres wide. It was slim and strongly built of timber.

The biggest of these ships were called dragonships. These often had a dragon or monster carved on the front to frighten enemies.

789
The first reported Viking raid on Britain.



865
England was split into four major kingdoms: Wessex, Mercia, Northumbria and East Anglia



886
King Alfred gave the Vikings part of his country. This was named 'Danelaw'



793
Vikings raid the monastery at Lindisfarne



For **14 years** The Viking Army invaded and conquered all four kingdoms except Wessex.

