

Year 5

Viking vs Anglo Saxons

What I should already know
A range of Vocabulary linked to the past.
Who the Anglo Saxons were and where they came from.
What invasion and settlement mean.
When the Battle of Hastings happened and why it happened.
What a king is and their role in society,

Key people	
King Alfred	King of Wessex from 871 to 899, defended Wessex from the Viking conquest
Harold Godwinson	Earl of Wessex whose sister had married King Edward. He commanded the king's army.
Harold Hardrada	King of Norway and son of King Harthacnut who had been King of England immediately before King Edward.
King Cnut	King of England, Denmark and Norway between 1028 and 1035
King Edgar	Ruled between 959-975
Guthrum	King of the Vikings in Danelaw at the time of the treaty with the Saxons
William Duke of Normandy	King Edward's cousin.

Key Vocab	
Angelsynn	The name used to describe English people
Anglo- Saxons	The main group of people living in Britain when the Vikings invaded.
Burhs	Strengthened and protected town
Colonise	Send settlers to (a place) and establish political control over it.
Danelaw	The area in Britain that the Danish Vikings ruled over.
Longship	A Viking ship used for fighting and carrying out raids.
Monestry	Monasteries are places where monks live. Although the word " monastery " is sometimes used for a place where nuns live, nuns usually live in a convent or nunnery.
Witan	The council of the Anglo-Saxon kings in and of England; its essential duty was to advise the king on all matters on which he chose to ask its opinion.

I will learn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Britain was like before the first Viking invasion. • Who Viking were and where they came from. • How the Viking settlement affected the Anglo Saxons. • Who king Alfred was and Why he was nicknamed 'Alfred the Great' • About the lives of Viking in Britain. • How and when England became a unified country. • About the end of the Anglo-Saxon and Viking era and the role the Battle of Hastings had on this.

Key Skills
Empathise what life was like before Viking invasion.
Make reasoned judgement as to why the Viking invaded.
Reach informed conclusions using historical sources.
Compare and contrast the lives of Vikings and Anglo Saxons
Explain how the Battle of Hasting ended the era of Anglo-Saxon and Vikings rule in Britain.
Apply previous knowledge of Anglos- Saxon and the Battle of Hastings to my current learning.

Key dates	
793AD	Vikings invaded Britain
886AD	The peace treaty called the Treaty of Wedmore was signed. Guthrum and the Vikings agreed to leave Wessex alone.
1016	England had become one country, unifying the Danelaw and Anglo-Saxon kingdom, and was under the control of a single Viking king.
25th September 1066	Battle of Stamford Bridge.
28th September 1066	William and his army landed in Sussex.
14th October 1066	The Battle of Hastings began.
25th December 1066	William was crowned King.



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