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Resilient pupils who have a life-long love of learning and are ready,
respectful and safe in their choices.*



Knowledge Organiser – Vikings and the Anglo-Saxon struggle

WHAT I SHOULD ALREADY KNOW

The chronology of what happened before the Vikings.
What life in Anglo Saxon Britain was like after the Romans left.
Where Scandinavia is.
Some simple facts about the Vikings, such as they travelled in Long Boats.

WHAT I WILL KNOW BY THE END OF THE TOPIC

In this topic, you will discover that the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons weren't just enemies, but neighbors who **occupied Britain at the same time** for over 300 years. You will learn that the Vikings didn't just come to raid; they were looking for **better farmland** and a new home, eventually settling in an area called the **Danelaw**. By looking at **physical "scars"** like buried treasure and old skeletons, and comparing the different stories told by monks and warriors, you will see how their "tug-of-war" for power eventually helped create the **unified England** we know today



DIAGRAMS



Key Figures:

King Alfred the Great (AD 849-899): Alfred did a lot of great things for England including defeating the Vikings in several battles and keeping part of England under Anglo-Saxon rule.

Athelstan (AD 927 -939) – First King to unite English kingdoms

Guthrum (AD 879-890) – King of the Vikings in Danelaw at the time of the treaty with the Saxons

King Canute (AD 995-1035): Viking King of England, Denmark and Norway.

Edward the Confessor (AD 1042-1055) – penultimate Saxon King of England (before Harold II who lost at Hastings)

William the Conqueror (AD 1028-1087): Became King of England in 1066 after winning in the Battle of Hastings.

KEY VOCABULARY

Anglo Saxons	The main group of people living in Britain when the Vikings invaded.
Danelaw	The area in Britain that the Danish Vikings ruled over.
Longship	A Viking ship used for fighting and carrying out raids.
Monastery	A place where people who have dedicated their lives to religion, such as monks or nuns live.
Pagan	A person who believes in many gods
Rune	A letter from the alphabet used by Vikings
Chieftan	The leader of a village or small group of people

Historical Timeline

- AD 700- The Viking Age begins.
- AD 793- First invasion to Britain raiding monasteries on the coast, including Lindisfarne.
- AD 866- Danes capture York (which the Vikings called Jorvik) and make it their kingdom.
- AD 876- Vikings settle permanently in Britain.
- AD 886- King Alfred defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in Eastern England.
- AD 1001- Vikings land in America and establish a settlement.
- AD 1014- King Canute of Denmark becomes King of England.
- AD 1066- Battle of Hastings take place and William the conqueror is crowned King.
- AD 1100- End of the Viking age.

Future Learning: Visit a Viking occupied town and research the effect they had on the area