

# Did you know?

**Norsemen (Vikings), came from Denmark, Norway and Sweden – Scandinavia - on longboats before invading.**

**In time, they drove the Saxons out of an area then granted to them by a defeated King Alfred – Danelaw.**

**Harald Hardrada (1015 AD - 1066 AD) was the King of Norway for two decades. His death is considered the end of the Viking Age.**

**In 1066 William the Conqueror became King of England when he won the Battle of Hastings**

**Vikings believed in gods including - Odin (father of gods), Frigg (his wife and Goddess of Love), Thor (God of Thunder), Tyr (War) and Loki (Firelight).**



## KEY VOCABULARY:

WORDS	MEANING
<b>Conquer</b>	Get something by force
<b>Danelaw</b>	part of north and east England under the law of the Vikings, where they lived and ruled
<b>Hoard</b>	treasure buried in the ground, probably for safety in times of trouble
<b>Longship</b>	a Viking warship
<b>Monastery</b>	a religious place where monks live and pray
<b>Monk</b>	a man who devotes himself to religion
<b>Norse</b>	to do with the Vikings ('Norsemen', from the North)
<b>Rune</b>	Viking letters of the alphabet
<b>Saga</b>	a story or myth told by Vikings to remember the lives of earlier famous Viking people
<b>Scandinavia</b>	where the Vikings came from: Norway, Sweden and Denmark
<b>Settlement</b>	A place where people have come to live

## TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS:



DATE	WHAT HAPPENED
AD 793	Vikings attack Lindisfarne
AD 866	Vikings capture York
AD 871	Alfred the Great becomes King of Wessex
AD 878	They settle in England
AD 886	King Alfred agrees treaty with Vikings
AD 900	Vikings rule Northern Scotland
AD 954	The last Viking King of Jorvik is forced out of York
AD 1013	King Sven of Denmark and his son Cnut sail up the river Humber to claim the throne
AD 1066	King Harold defeated in Battle of Hastings



## SUGGESTED WEBSITES TO FIND OUT MORE:

- [www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/vikings](http://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/vikings)
- [www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/vikings.html](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/vikings.html)

