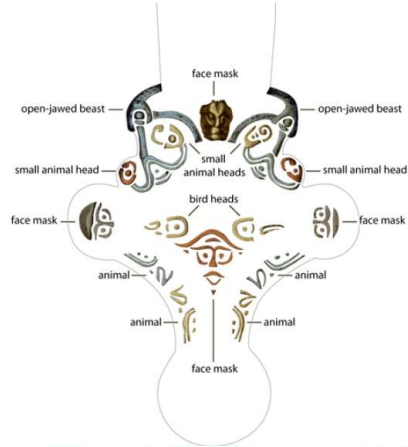
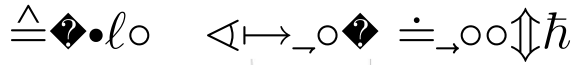




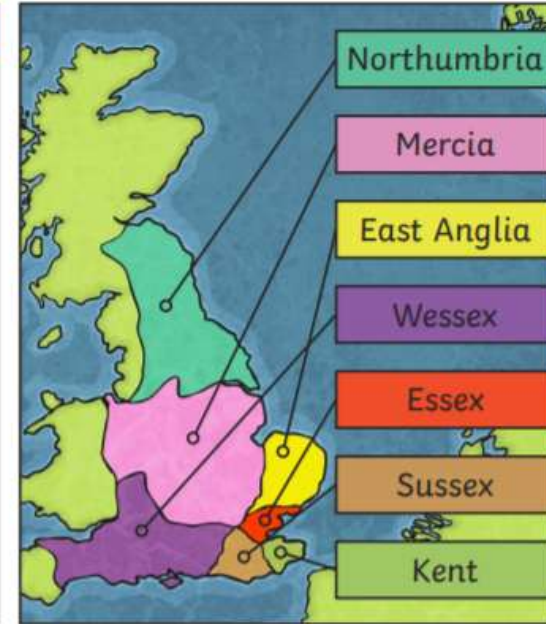
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Did you know? The Vikings and [Anglo-Saxons](#) probably co-existed in Derby, occupying two areas of land known as Northworpig and Deoraby.

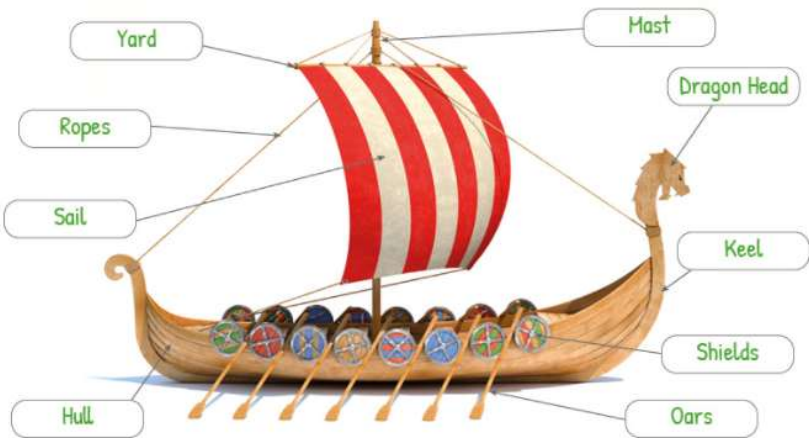


Anglo-Saxon Kings

The kings of Anglo-Saxon Britain each ruled their own **kingdom** and the people in it. They fought to defend their **kingdom** or take control of other **kingdoms**. When the Anglo-Saxons first settled in Britain, there were seven **kingdoms**, but by AD 878 there was just one **kingdom** left (Wessex) as the others had been overrun by the Vikings. Many Anglo-Saxon kings tried to resist the Vikings and fought hard to keep control of their land. King Alfred the Great was the best known Anglo-Saxon king and the first to defeat the Vikings in battle.

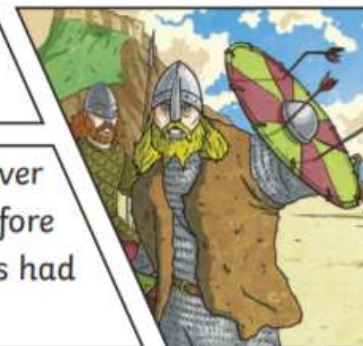


Viking Longship



The Early Vikings

The Vikings came from the modern Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. They travelled in boats called **longships** and first arrived in Britain around AD 787. The Vikings **raided** places such as monasteries and **pillaged** expensive items to trade. They were looking for valuable goods like gold and jewels, imported foods and other useful materials.



Did you know? King [Æthelbald](#) of Mercia, [King Wiglaf](#) and his grandson Saint Wigstan were buried in the crypt in St [Wystan's](#) church in Repton.

The Vikings also wanted to claim land and tried to take over much of Britain. They **invaded** and settled in Scotland before heading south to places such as York. By AD 878 the Vikings had settled permanently in Britain.

Vocabulary

Anglo-Saxon & Viking

trade – to exchange

raid – a sudden attack or invasion

pillage – robbing by force

monastery – where monks live

Mercia and Wessex – areas of Saxon England

Danelaw – the area the Vikings rule in Britain

Danegeld – tax during King Ethelred's reign to protect against the Viking raids

invasion – an army conquering

settlement – a village or town

runes – characters of the Norse alphabet

Norse myth – a story told by Vikings

Thor, Odin, Freyja – Norse Gods

longboat – a boat used to travel across the sea

Scandinavia – Norway, Sweden, Denmark

The First Kings of England:

Alfred the Great,

Æthelbald,

Athelstan,

Edward the Confessor



Timeline of Key Dates

