

Year 5

Spring 2

# Knowledge Map: The Vikings

How did the Vikings shape the England we know today?

Topic focus:

History

## Key Vocabulary

<b>invasion</b>	A movement by a large number of people or things into a place or sphere of activity
<b>Vikings</b>	An explorer, trader, or warrior from Scandinavia who travelled by sea to raid, settle, and trade across Europe and beyond between the 8th and 11th centuries.
<b>Anglo Saxons</b>	A group of tribes from northern Europe who settled in England
<b>Scandinavia</b>	A region in Northern Europe with strong historical, cultural, and linguistic ties. It primarily includes the modern-day countries of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.
<b>raid</b>	A sudden, surprise attack on a place (often a monastery or village) with the intent to steal goods rather than occupy the territory permanently.
<b>plunder</b>	The act of stealing goods from a place or person, typically during a war or raid. It can also refer to the actual items stolen (the "loot").
<b>Berserkers</b>	Legendary Norse warriors who were said to have fought in a nearly uncontrollable, trance-like fury. The name literally translates to "bear-shirt," possibly referring to the animal skins they wore.
<b>Danelaw</b>	The historical name given to the part of England in which the laws of the Danes held sway and dominated those of the Anglo-Saxons. It covered much of northern and eastern England.

## Key Prior Learning

Anglo Saxon Britain



Want to find out more?

Name some significant places in England that the Vikings invaded.