



Has Britain always been a multi-cultural society?

Vikings



Sticky Knowledge

- First Viking raids on Britain were between 790 and 799AD
- The Vikings were a collection of people that sailed from Scandinavia: Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
- The Vikings invaded and settled for fertile land to grow food.
- The Anglo Saxons and Vikings fought many battles
- Vikings were pagan and worshipped many gods like the first Anglo Saxon settlers. Some of the Norse Gods were: Odin, Thor, Loki, Freya, Balder
- Vikings lived in longhouses that were made of wood
- Vikings travelled in boats called Longships that were designed to sail in both deep and shallow water so that they could get close to the shore
- After years of fighting the Vikings and Alfred made a peace agreement.
- Viking and Anglo Saxon rule ended in 1066 as a result of the Norman invasion

Prominent Figures / Events

Lindisfarne
The Viking raid on Lindisfarne Priory on 6th June 793AD is considered the start of the Viking Age in Europe. Although it was not the first Viking raid in Britain, it was once of the earliest and the first to be written about in detail.



King Canute
As a prince, Canute won the English crown in 1016 before becoming King of Denmark as well in 1018. Well respected and powerful, Canute ruled over large amounts of land, sea and people. He has huge influence in the early Catholic Church and was considered one of the most effective Anglo-Saxon kings.

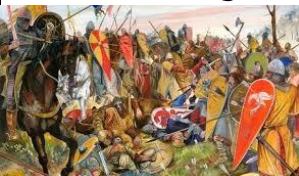


Jorvik



The modern day city of York was the Viking capital of Jorvik from 866AD to 954AD. Ruled by a variety of Viking leaders, archeological digs have revealed much about the daily life of Viking settlers. The last king, Eric Bloodaxe, was forced out by Athelstan in 954AD.

Battle of Hastings



A turning point in English history and the start of the Norman era, this battle in 1066 marked the end of Anglo-Saxon rule in England. Fought between William, Duke of Normandy, and Harold Godwinson, Earl of Wessex, the events of this battle are recorded in the Bayeux Tapestry. However, there is much debate about the accuracy of recordings.

Viking Timeline

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Vikings		In Old Norse, this name means pirate raid, appropriate for fast-moving sailors who raided and settled all across the northern Atlantic and Europe.	Where? They originally came from modern Scandinavia.	Key Fact: They were known at the time as Danes or Norsemen.
Longships		A specialised type of Scandinavian warship that used both oars and sails, designed to be fast, powerful and capable of travelling up rivers.	When? They have been around since the 4 th century.	Key Fact: They often had fierce carvings on the front to scare enemies.
Daily Life		Once they had established themselves in Britain, many Vikings worked as farmers or craft workers in villages.	What? Most Vikings lived in longhouses built from wood or stone.	Key Fact: Longhouses were one room and housed all the family and their animals.
Norse Gods		The Norse Gods were powerful individuals who lived long lives on Asgard. They included Odin, Thor and Loki.	What? The Vikings told many fantastic stories about their Gods.	Key Fact: The Vikings believed everyone had a fate which could not be changed.
Bayeux Tapestry		A 230ft long embroidery made by nuns after the conquest of England by William of Normandy.	When? It was created in the 11 th century.	Key Fact: It showed William's right to rule England and the Battle of Hastings.
Raids		A sudden armed attack with the aim of causing damage rather than occupying any of the enemy's land	The first Viking raid was Lindisfarne in 793.	Key Fact: Before setting, the Vikings raided for riches to take back to Scandinavia.
Multi-cultural society		Multicultural societies are characterized by people of different races, ethnicities, and nationalities living together in the same community	When? The UK has always been a very multi-cultural nation	The UK is full of diversity, and its multicultural nature makes it an exciting and welcoming place to live.
Commonwealth		The Commonwealth is an international organisation of 54 countries that work together to promote democracy, human rights and development.	When? The commonwealth was established in 1931	Key Fact: Many of these countries have a shared history that dates back to the British Empire
Immigration		The action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country	Why? People immigrate today for many reasons, economic etc.	Key Fact: People who move to a new country are called immigrants.

793AD

Viking raids begin

866-877AD

Invasion of the Great Viking

869AD

King of the East Angles killed by Vikings

886AD

England is divided and Danelaw begins

926AD

Danelaw conquered by Athelstan

927AD

Athelstan conquers Jorvik

954AD

Eric Bloodaxe is forced out

1016AD

King Canute of Denmark rules England

1066

Battle of Hastings