



## Were the Vikings always victorious and vicious?



Key Vocabulary	
<b>Viking</b>	Scandinavian seafaring raiders who invaded and settled in parts of western Europe.
<b>Scandinavia</b>	A group of countries including Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway.
<b>Longship</b>	A specialized Viking warship carved with a wooden dragon's head.
<b>Pagans</b>	A religion followed by Vikings.
<b>Anglo-Saxons</b>	Settlers who arrived in England in the 5 <sup>th</sup> century.
<b>Lindisfarne</b>	An island off the Northeast coast of England. The location of the first Viking raid.
<b>Monks</b>	A man who lives apart from society and devotes his life to religion.
<b>Monasteries</b>	A religious building where monks live and work.
<b>Settlement</b>	A place where a group of people establish a community.
<b>Danelaw</b>	Northern, eastern and central area of Britain ruled by Viking kings.
<b>Jorvik</b>	A Viking city located in what is now known as York, England

Key Events	
<b>700 AD</b>	Viking Age began.
<b>793 AD</b>	First Viking invasion and raid in Lindisfarne.
<b>794 AD</b>	First raids on Scotland and Ireland.
<b>820 AD</b>	Viking raids continued on English coast.
<b>866 AD</b>	Vikings capture York and make it their kingdom (Jorvik).
<b>876 AD</b>	Vikings settle permanently in England.
<b>886 AD</b>	King Alfred the Great defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in Eastern England (the Danelaw).
<b>954 AD</b>	Eric Bloodaxe, the last Viking king of Jorvik, is thrown out of York.
<b>1066 AD</b>	Viking rule of England ended. Harald Hardrada, the last Viking King, was defeated at the battle of Stamford Bridge.

