

Power



Invasion



Core Knowledge

Invasion

- The Vikings came from Scandinavia. The first reported raid was in 787AD
- There was a lack of farming land in their homelands and overcrowding. In Britain, there were treasures and a lack of army for protection.



Viking Life

- **Houses**— Long and rectangular made from timber. They were often one room with a central fire.
- **Jobs**— Worked as farmers, growing grains and vegetables and rearing animals. They were also skilled craft workers. They were skilful weavers and could use natural dyes from plants to give colour to clothing.
- **Society** - Viking society was made up of a hierarchical system. At the top was the king, followed by the jarls, karls and thralls.

Lindisfarne

- The Viking attack on the island of Lindisfarne marked the beginning of the Viking age in Britain.

Historical Context

Stone Age Bronze Age Iron Age Romans Saxons Vikings Victorians Modern Day



Key Vocabulary

Vocabulary	Definition
heir	A person who has a legal claim to a throne when the person holding
Danelaw	An area that covered the north and east of England in 9th and 10th centuries, controlled by the Vikings.
Norse	The language of the Vikings
raid	A surprise attack on an enemy designed to take or steal something
Longhouses	The houses the Vikings lived in.

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The Events That Led To The Battle of Hastings

Edward the Confessor— King of England who died in 1066 without an heir.



Harold Godwinson— Became king after Edward promised him the throne.

Harald Hardrada—In 1066, he invaded England and was killed at the Battle of Stamford Bridge.



William the Conqueror—The Duke of Normandy who became king after Harold was killed at the Battle of Hastings.