

The Vikings in Britain



1. The Vikings came from the area of the modern Scandinavian countries (Denmark, Norway and Sweden).
2. They set out in boats called longships looking for resources and land to take. They wanted new land because the places where they came from weren't very easy to live in. It was hard to grow crops, which meant there wasn't a lot of food as the population got bigger.
3. The Vikings first arrived in Britain around 787AD. The Vikings came to Britain looking for new items to steal and trade. In addition they wanted land that they could claim as their own as only the eldest son in the family could inherit land from his father.
4. They particularly liked to raid monasteries, and in 793AD they raided the monastery at Lindisfarne in Northumbria.
5. The monasteries were not very well protected and contained valuable goods like gold and jewels, imported foods and other useful materials.
6. The Vikings also stole manuscripts and bibles. These were sold back to the religious leaders who could not bear to see them lost or damaged.
7. The Vikings went on to invade Scotland and in time they began to settle and stay there.
8. In 866AD they raised an army and captured the city of York.

Complete the Viking quiz

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