


Year 4 Spring 1 Knowledge Organiser – History

The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor



HISTORY


INTRODUCE


The **Viking and Anglo-Saxon** struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor

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The name **VIKING** could originate from the old Viking word: **Vikings**
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sea-raider

Causes of Viking incursion and invasions of Britain





Chronology of Anglo-Saxon and Viking struggle


- 1**
 - AD 793: Lindisfarne raided
 - 825: Raids increased
 - 843: Picts were wiped out by Norwegian Vikings
 - 865: Great Viking Invasion led by King Guthrum
 - 866: York defeated and renamed **Sorvik**
 - 869: Great Heathen Army invades East Angles
 - King Edmund killed
 - Refused to give up Christian belief - martyr
- 2**
 - Wessex king Alfred the Great Vs Viking king Guthrum
 - January 878: King Alfred lost, retreated and regrouped
 - May 878: Battle of Edington. Alfred and Guthrum fought
 - Alfred the Great defeated the Vikings
 - truce
- 3**
 - Weak English king - Ethelred the Unready
 - King of England - Ethelred the Unready fled to Normandy (France)
 - AD 1013: Viking king - Sweyn Forkbeard invaded London
 - Viking king - Sweyn Forkbeard was the first Viking king of England
 - King Cnut (Canute), Sweyn's son, became the monarch
 - AD 1016: Strong and powerful Christian king of England, Denmark and Norway
 - Who claimed the English throne?
 - 1042: Ethelred's son took the throne
 - Harold Godwinson (Anglo-Saxon)
 - William, Duke of Normandy (Viking descendent)
 - Harold Hardrada (Viking)

The Vikings were very successful during this period. England had rich pickings with much better land and resources, such as iron ore and precious metals.

Vikings agreed to divide England up, so both sides could live peacefully. Viking lands were called Danelaw. Yorkvik was their capital city.

1066 Battle of Stamford Bridge
Harold Godwinson defeated Harold Hardrada.

1066 Battle of Hasting
William, Duke of Normandy, then defeated Harold Godwinson to become the king of England.



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