

Vicious Vikings



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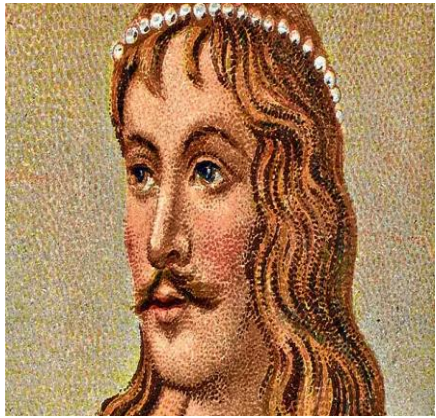
The Vikings came from Norway, Denmark and Sweden.	The English kings were largely unsuccessful in repelling the Viking invasion.	In 886, Alfred the Great signed a peace treaty splitting England into two: The Viking part was called Danelaw.
The Vikings invade as England was full of riches and money.	The Vikings were warriors who took part in many fights and believed they would go to Valhalla	

KEY VOCABULARY

Vikings	A group of people who invaded from Norway, Sweden and Denmark. 'Viking' came from the Old Norse meaning 'a pirate raid'
Chieftain	The leader of a village or small group of people
Danelaw	The area of England ruled by the Vikings
Pagan	A person who believed in many gods
Freeman	A person who is not a slave and free to choose who he or she worked for.
Longship	A Viking ship with a sail and oars, also called a dragon-ship.



Key Historical Figure: Cnut the Great



- Cnut, also known as Canute, was the king of Denmark, Norway and England.
- He is considered one of the most influential English Kings, he was Danish himself.
- He defeated Ethelred and conquered all that was north of the River Thames.
- He eventually became King of England after King Edmund died