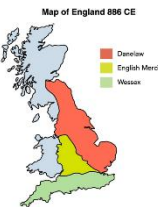
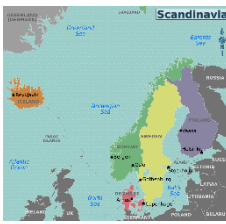




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Vocabulary	Definition	Picture
Anglo-Saxons	The main group of people living in Britain when the Vikings invaded.	
Danegeld	A tax paid to Vikings, by the Anglo-Saxons, to protect land from being ravaged.	
Danelaw	The area of England ruled by the Vikings.	
Longship	A long, narrow specialised type of Viking ship with a carved, wooden dragon's head.	
Monastery	A building where groups of men (monks) or women (nuns) could live together and worship God.	

Vocabulary	Definition	Picture
Odin	The father of the gods – also the god of war and of the dead.	
Pagan	A religious person who worships many gods or goddesses.	
Runes	The Viking alphabet.	
Scandinavia	A group of countries in northern Europe including Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden.	
Viking	Scandinavian seafaring pirates and traders who raided and settled in parts of north-western Europe.	



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Timeline of key events

787 CE First Scandinavian raids.

793 CE Viking attacks on Lindisfarne.

842 CE Viking raids on London.

865 CE Great Heathen Army invade.

878 CE Battle of Edington.

927 CE Athelstan unites English kingdoms.

950 CE Vikings from Ireland & Isle of Man raid the west coast of Wales.

991 CE Battle of Maldon leads to the first payments of Danegeld.

994 CE Danish attack on London fails.

1000 CE Vikings reach Newfoundland.

1013 CE King Sven of Sweden lands and becomes King of England.

1016 CE King Cnut becomes King of England.

1042 CE Saxon Edward the Confessor returns to become King of England.

1066 CE Harold Godwinsson becomes King, but is killed by William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings

Key Knowledge Facts

The Vikings (known as Norsemen) came from Scandinavia. The name 'Viking' means pirate raid.

The Viking Age in Britain began around 1200 years ago and lasted for just over 200 years.

The Vikings started with short trips to steal treasure and take slaves. In time, Vikings made their home in Britain and took it for themselves.

The Saxon King, King Alfred of Wessex, fought them in a great battle but he could not stop them at first so had to let them have part of the country in a treaty.