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**Key information**

The Vikings were also known as the Norsemen.  
 They were great travellers and sailed to other parts of Europe where they traded, raided and often settled.  
 The Vikings sailed all over Europe and the Atlantic Oceans in their long ships. Their long ships could sail in shallow water which meant that they could travel up rivers as well as across the sea.  
 Seven Kingdoms Britain was split into 7 kingdoms in AD 660: Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Wessex, Sussex and Kent.  
 The flags of Scandinavia:

		
Norway	Sweden	Denmark

**Timeline**

793	First Viking attack happens in Dorset.
793	Vikings attack the monastery of Lindisfarne.
829	Wessex becomes the Supreme Kingdom.
851	Athelstan, son of the king of Wessex, defeats a Viking fleet in battle.
866 - 77	Invasion of the Great Danish (Viking) Army.
867	The Vikings kill rival kings of Northumbria and capture York – The city becomes Jorvik, the Viking capital in England.
878	Wessex is overrun by Vikings and King Alfred goes into hiding.
886	England is divided – The Saxons retain the west, while the east was to be Viking territory - later known as the 'Danelaw' - where the English and Vikings were equal in law.
926	Eastern England is conquered by the Saxons.
927	Athelstan, king of Wessex, takes York from the Vikings.
939	Athelstan, first king of all England dies.
954	Eric Bloodaxe, the last Viking king in England, is forced out of Jorvik (York).

**Viking Gods**

Loki	Tyr	Odin	Frigg	Thor
The god of firelight. A sly and mischievous god who can change form.	God of war and justice.	Father of the gods.	Odin’s wife, the goddess of love	God of thunder and protected humans

**Key Vocabulary**

Chieftain	The leader of a village or small group of people.
Danelaw	The area of England ruled by the Vikings.
Freeman	A person who is not a slave and free to choose who he or she worked for.
Long ship	A Viking ship with a sail and oars, also called a dragon-ship.
Monastery	The building where monks live.
Trader	A person who sells goods.

Thatched	A roof covered in straw.
Runes	The name given to the Viking alphabet.
Pagan	A person who believed in many gods.

