

Aldryngton Primary School Knowledge Organiser: Who was the first king of England?

A topic looking at the debate surrounding who the first King of England was at the time of the Saxons and Vikings.

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Word	Definition
Vikings	A group of Scandinavian, seafaring warriors who raided coastal sites and villages in the British Isles.	Lindisfarne	A monestary on the North-East Coast of England where the first group of Vikings arrived.
Saxons	German-Dutch tribes who settled in Britain from around 450CE.	monarch	A sovereign head of state, especially a king, queen, or emperor.
Norsemen	The name given to Viking raiders by The Anglo-Saxons	Hastings	The site of a famous battle that ended the Saxon and Viking rule.
pillage	To rob a place using violence during a period of invasion or war	Danelaw	The part of England in which the laws of the Danes held sway after making a deal with Alfred the Great.
longhouse	A large communal house in Viking settlements	longboats	a long sail and oar ship used by the Vikings



The Bayeux Tapestry was made to depict key events of the Norman conquest.

Why not visit the replica in Reading Museum?

There were many leaders and Kings in charge of the different Kingdoms during the time of the Saxons. When the Vikings first invaded in AD 793, the system changed - land was fought over and new rulers took over. There is much debate surrounding who the first King of England actually was.



Lindisfarne was the monastery that the first group of Viking invaders attacked on British shores. ***You can still visit it today!***

Viking Timeline	Useful websites for get you started with the Vikings...
<p>AD 700- The Viking Age begins.</p> <p>AD 793- First invasion to Britain raiding monasteries on the coast, including Lindisfarne.</p> <p>AD 866- Danes capture York (which the Vikings called Jorvik) and make it their kingdom.</p> <p>AD 876- Vikings settle permanently in Britain.</p> <p>AD 886- King Alfred defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in Eastern England.</p> <p>AD 1001- Vikings land in America and establish a settlement.</p> <p>AD 1014- King Canute of Denmark becomes King of England.</p> <p>AD 1066- Battle of Hastings take place and William the conqueror is crowned King.</p> <p>AD 1100- End of the Viking age.</p>	<p>Edward the Confessor https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Edward-the-Confessor/476252</p> <p>KS2 Vikings https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2--ks3-vikings/zhys92p</p> <p>The Vikings Animation https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/story-of-britain-vikings-animation/zhrygwx</p> <p>DK Find Out Vikings https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/vikings/</p> <p>BBC Teach Anglo-Saxon Kings https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-anglo-saxons-index/zhtdd6f</p>
Key Figures	Useful books for our topic
<p>King Alfred the Great (AD 849-899): Alfred did a lot of great things for England including defeating the Vikings in several battles and keeping part of England under Anglo-Saxon rule.</p> <p>Athelstan (AD 927 -939) – First King to unite English kingdoms</p> <p>Guthrum (AD 879-890) – King of the Vikings in Danelaw at the time of the treaty with the Saxons</p> <p>King Canute (AD 995-1035): Viking King of England, Denmark and Norway.</p> <p>Edward the Confessor (AD 1042-1055) – penultimate Saxon King of England (before Harold II who lost at Hastings)</p> <p>William the Conqueror (AD 1028-1087): Became King of England in 1066 after winning in the Battle of Hastings.</p>	<p>Class reader – Anglo Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman</p> <p><i>Viking Voyagers by Jack Tite</i></p> <p><i>Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman</i></p> <p><i>1000 Year Old Boy by Ross Welford</i></p> <p><i>Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd Stanton</i></p> <p><i>The Vikings: Raiders, Traders and Adventurers by Marcia Williams</i></p>



