

Primary History: Vikings

Extension Activity - What happened to the Vikings?

Make your own timeline of events from the time of Alfred the Great to the Norman Conquest. Use our timeline to help.

See if you can find and read the most famous story about King Cnut (Canute). What does the story tell us about him? Was he a good king? He had two sons. What were they like as rulers?

Write a diary of the year 1066. What part did the Norwegian king Harold Hardrada and his Viking army play in the story?

Do some research into Viking place names, to see if you can discover what they mean. Examples are Whitby ('Hiviti's village') and Scunthorpe ('Skuma's outlying settlement'). You could make up some fun-names of your own.