

# Primary History: Vikings

## Extension Activity - Who Were The Vikings?

**Write a newspaper account of the first Viking landings in England.** First, tell the story from the English/Anglo-Saxon side. Then from the Viking side. How do you think the Vikings might have argued in favour of their raids? How did each side regard the other?

**Find out how the Vikings lived at Jarlshof in the Shetlands.** This is a well-researched archaeological site, with a history dating back thousands of years before the Vikings settled there.

**Draw your own map of Viking voyages.** Or you could take a world map outline, and mark on it some of the places Vikings went to – such as Kiev (Ukraine), Novgorod (Russia), Constantinople (Istanbul in Turkey), Greenland, Iceland and North America.

The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle describes the first raids by Viking ships, beginning in the late 700s.

**Find out more about this Anglo-Saxon history book** to see why it is so useful to historians.