

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.