

Vikings Anglo Saxons

KS2 History · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

Who arrived in Britain first: the Anglo-Saxons or the Vikings?

Step 1 · Anglo-Saxons began settling around 450 AD

Vikings began raiding around 793 AD

Answer: The Anglo-Saxons arrived first, around 300 years before the Vikings

Check: This is why the Vikings often clashed with the already-established Anglo-Saxon kingdoms.

2. Now try one with the steps

Why is 793 AD (the raid on Lindisfarne) often seen start of the 'Viking Age' in Britain?

Step 1 · Think about what makes this event significant

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Where did the Vikings mainly come from?

2. What is often seen start of Viking raids on Britain?

3. Did the Vikings only raid Britain, or did some also settle there?

4. What important battle happened in Britain in 1066?

5. Explain why the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings sometimes fought over land in Britain.

6. Why do historians know quite a lot about Viking ships and travel, even though they didn't have much writing?

4. Before you hand it in

Thinking the Vikings only raided and never settled peacefully.

Remember the Viking story has two parts: raiding AND later settling.

Muddling up the order of the Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans.

Learn the rough order: Romans leave (410) → Anglo-Saxons settle (450s) → Vikings raid/settle (793 onwards) → Normans invade (1066).