

Victorious Vikings

Read the text carefully and then answer the following questions in as much detail as you can.

1. When and why did the Vikings first arrive in Britain?
2. 'In AD 793 the Vikings raided and pillaged the monastery at Lindisfarne'. What does this mean?
3. Why did the Vikings like to raid monasteries?
4. Why did the Vikings begin to settle permanently in Britain? Find three reasons.
5. Which city did the Vikings take over in AD 866?
6. How do you think the Vikings felt when they captured this city?
7. How was King Alfred the Great successful in fighting the Vikings?
8. Find three ways in which the Vikings make good warriors.
9. Draw and label a Viking helmet, shield or sword and describe its features in detail.
10. If you were a Viking warrior, what would be your weapon of choice? Why?
11. Why were Viking warriors so fearless in battle?
12. Imagine you lived in Britain in AD 793. Describe how you might have felt meeting a Viking for the first time.

Challenge:

Can you draw and label what you think a Viking warrior might have looked like?

