

Questions

Record your answers in complete sentences

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

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2. Why did the Vikings choose to come to Britain?

3. Which monastery did the Vikings raid first? What happened?

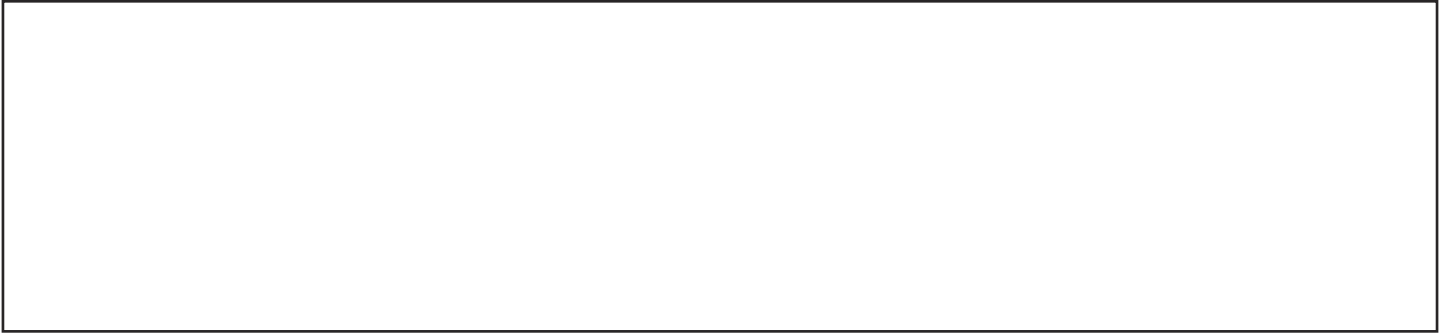
4. Why did the Vikings begin to settle permanently in Britain? Find two reasons.

5. Which city did the Vikings take over in AD 866?

6. Who was King Alfred the Great and what did he do?

7. Give two reasons why the Vikings made good warriors.

8. Draw and label a Viking helmet, shield or sword.

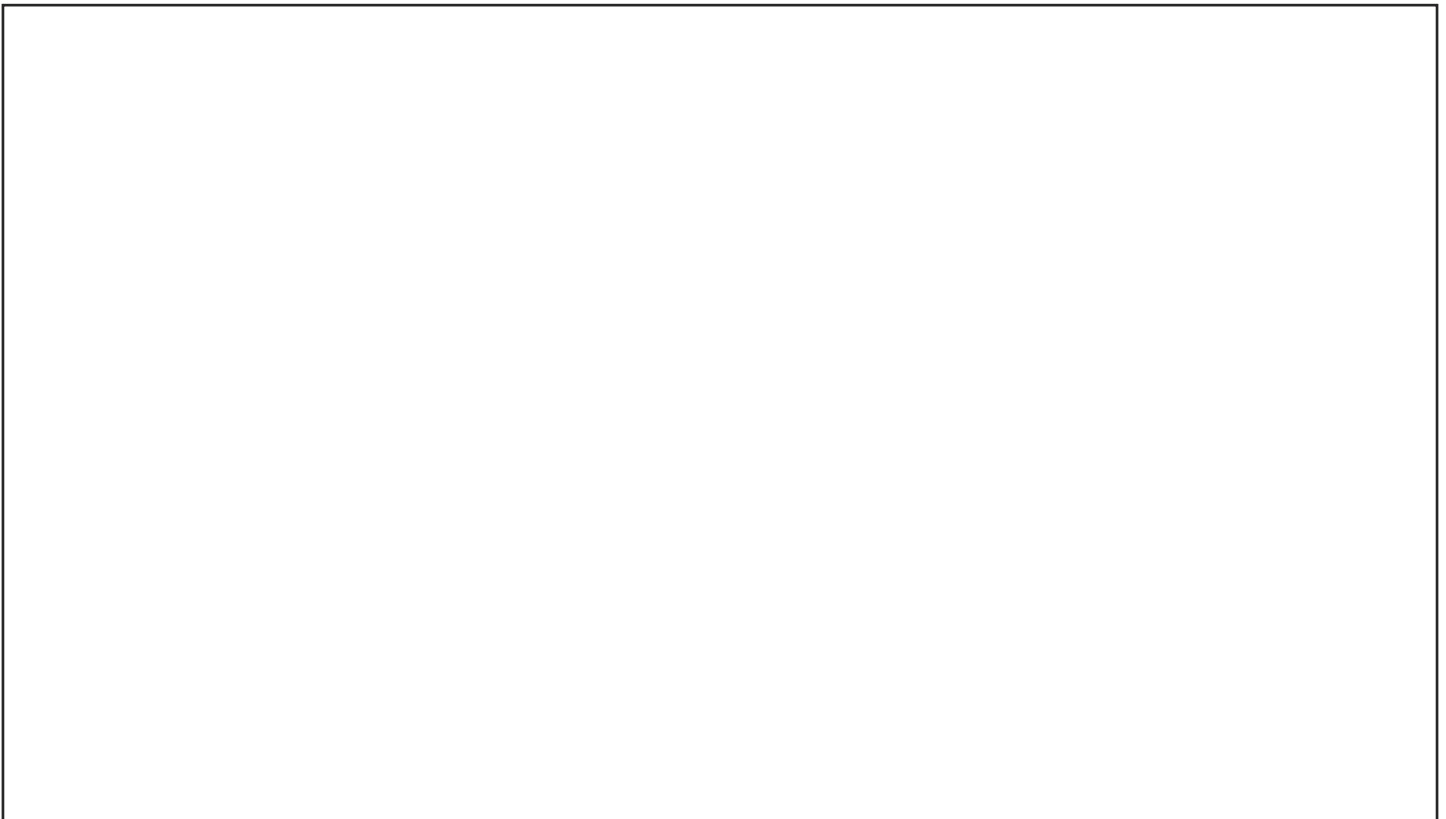


9. If you were a Viking warrior, which weapon would you choose? Why?

10. Where did Viking warriors believe they went if they died in battle?

Challenge

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



Answers

1. When did the Vikings first arrive in Britain?
The Vikings first arrived in Britain in AD787.
2. Why did the Vikings choose to come to Britain?
The Vikings chose to come to Britain for the land and new things to steal and sell.
3. Which monastery did the Vikings first raid? What happened?
The Vikings first raided Lindisfarne in Northumberland. They stole valuable things from the monastery.
4. Why did the Vikings begin to settle permanently in Britain? Find two reasons.
The Vikings wanted to settle permanently in Britain because of the mild climate and rich natural resources.
5. Which city did the Vikings take over in AD866?
The Vikings took over York in AD 866.
6. Who was King Alfred the Great and what did he do?
King Alfred the Great was King of Wessex. He fought against the Vikings but lost and went into hiding.
7. Give two reasons why the Vikings made good warriors.
The Vikings made good warriors because they were excellent fighters, very organised and they were brave in battle.
8. Draw and label a Viking helmet, shield or sword.
Viking warriors believed they went to their idea of heaven, called Valhalla.
9. If you were a Viking warrior, which weapon would you choose? Why?
Responses could include; axe, spear, sword or shield, with plausible reasoning.
10. Where did Viking warriors believe they went if they died in battle?
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