

Viking Raids

Book: Viking raiders and settlers
Pages 28–35

Students: Fill in the answers and return for assessment

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book Viking raiders and settlers.

You can open this book online now by clicking on the book cover. It will open in a new window or tab.

In this segment, we are going to explore Vikings raids in Britain.

You will need to go to pages 28–29 of the book.

Part 1

Vikings travelled on their raids in longships. Read about longships on pages 28–29. What do you think it was like on a longship? in a few sentences describe what a voyage may have been like.

Answer ...

Students answers may include: it would have been cold and wet; it was hard work; rowing was tiring, etc.

Now turn to pages 30–31 of the book.

Part 2

What were some of the risks of the sea journey to Britain and back? Why did the Vikings make these journeys?

Answer ...

They might go off course (get lost); they might starve; they might never reach land; the boats could be damaged in a storm.

They made the journey because there were few opportunities back home – there were fights over land, goods and slaves/wealth.

Now turn to pages 32–33 of the book.

Part 3

Read the saga about Bjorn on page 32. Why were Bjorn and his men going on a raiding trip? What is their target? Why did they choose that target? Do you think the Vikings were successful in their raid? Why or why not?

Answer ...

They were looking for glory (to do daring deeds) and to find wealth (booty).

A monastery.

They chose the target because it would not be protected.

Students' own answers.

Now turn to pages 34-35 of the book.

Part 4

Fill in the chart below by placing an X in the boxes to show where different Vikings invaded. The first one has been done for you.

	Norwegians	Danes
Ireland		
Northern Wales		
Eastern England	x	x
Normandy		
Western Isles of Scotland		
Northwest coast of England		
Southern England		

Answer ...

	Norwegians	Danes
Ireland	x	

Northern Wales	x	
Eastern England	x	x
Normandy	x	
Western Isles of Scotland	x	
Northwest coast of England	x	x
Southern England	x	x

That is the end of this worksheet, and you can now turn to another one. Also, find out if your teacher has left you any other worksheets or special instructions on your school website.

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