

Viking Settlers

Book: Viking raiders and settlers

Pages 36-43

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 learn about the different places where the Vikings settled and what happened to them.

You will need to go to pages 36-37 of the book.

Part 1

Why was 865 called the year of the Great Invasion?
What was the result of the battle of Edington?

Answer ...

In 865 a huge number of Danish Viking families came to eastern England. They were evenly matched, and so they agreed that Alfred's people would keep to the south-west and the Danes would stay in the north-east. Guthrum also agreed to become a Christian.

Part 2

What is Danelaw?
What parts of England were under Danelaw? Find them on a map.

Answer ...

Danelaw was the area ruled by the Danes.
The north-east was under Danelaw.

Now turn to pages 38-39 of the book.

Part 2

Why were the Vikings able to take over control of Scotland so quickly?
What is one reason why the Northern Isles were settled for so long?

Answer ...

It was sparsely populated and so the people put up little resistance.
They were an important base for travel between Britain and Norway; they were part of the kingdom of Norway.

Now turn to pages 40-41 of the book.

Part 3

How did Vinland get its name? Why do you think Leif Ericsson went to Vinland?

Answer ...

They found berries which they thought they could use to make wine ('vin').
Students' own answers. Answers may include that he was kicked out of his home; that he was looking for a place to settle; that he was looking for booty/wealth.

Now turn to pages 42-43 of the book.

Part 4

What happened to the Vikings in ...
England?
Scotland?

Answer ...

In England, they thought of themselves as English/became English.
In Scotland, they continued to be ruled by a Norwegian king for a long time. In the 15th century, the Isles were handed over to Scotland so the King of Norway could marry his daughter to King James III of Scotland.

Part 5

What evidence can we find today that shows the Vikings were once in Britain?

Answer ...

DNA, Viking names, carved stones, Viking treasure hordes

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