

# VIKINGS KNOWLEDGE ORGANIZER- YEAR 5



## Viking Longboats

- They could be up to 35 metres long
- They were able to carry up to 300 warriors as well as 30+ oarsmen.
- The longboats had a dragon head which was used for frightening their enemies.

## Key Dates

700AD

The Viking Age begins

793AD

The Vikings invade Britain, raiding monasteries (churches).

866AD

The Danes (from Denmark) capture York (Jorvik) and make it their kingdom.

876AD

Vikings permanently settle in Britain becoming settlers, not raiders.

1066AD

Battle of Hastings brings the Viking and Saxon Age to an end in Britain as the Normans take over headed by William the Conqueror.



## People

**King Alfred the Great (AD 849 – 899)** Alfred did a lot of great things for England including defeating the Vikings in several battles and keeping part of England under Anglo-Saxon rule.

**King Canute (AD 995-1035)** Viking King of England, Denmark and Norway

**William the Conqueror (AD 1028 – 1087)** William became King of England in 1066 after winning the Battle of Hastings

## Vocabulary

Pagan	A person who believes in many Gods.
Plunder	Take loot during a raid, often causing damage at the same time
Raid	A surprise attack.
Trade	Sell items for money, swap for other items.
Conquer	To get something by force.
Saga	A long story of heroic achievement
Settlement	A place where people come to live and build homes.
Monastery	A place used for prayer such as a church or chapel. Staffed by monks.
Scandinavia	A group of countries in Northern Europe including Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

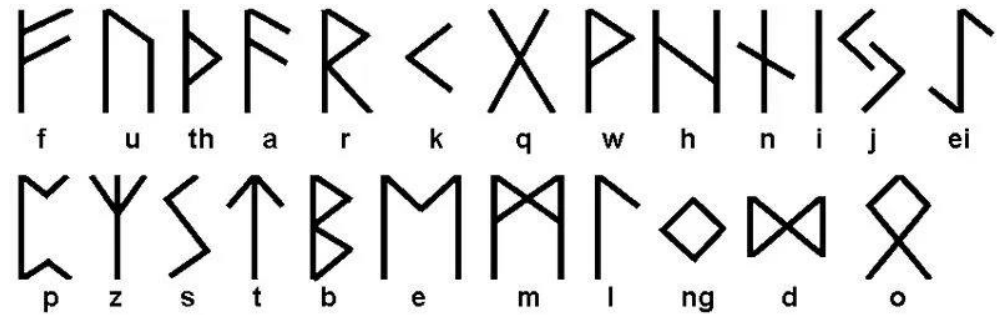
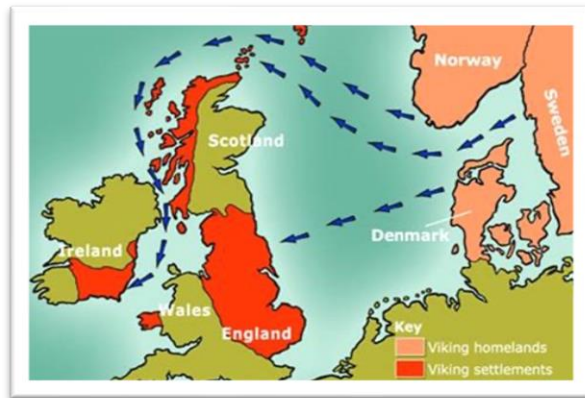
The Vikings spoke a language called Norse. There were 24 **runes** in the Norse alphabet.

## Links to Other Units

Y1 Castles  
Y3 The Romans  
Y4 The Anglo Saxons  
Y5 The Vikings

## You should already know:

- The countries of Europe.
- The many countries, as we know them today, were created following previous conflicts.
- Technology used in conflict has developed over time.



## Y5 South View History Timeline

