

# Knowledge Organiser

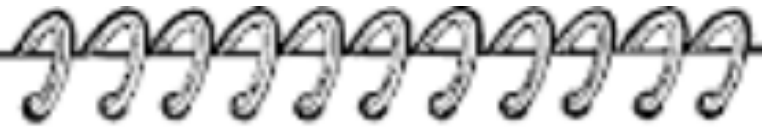
*Were the Vikings always vicious and victorious?*



## History

- The Vikings travelled from Scandinavia, on longboats, to attack the United Kingdom.
- The Vikings raided Anglo-Saxon settlements and monasteries.
- The Vikings invaded the Kingdom of England and took charge of parts of England.
- Alfred the Great tried to resist the Viking raids.
- Alfred the Great tried to pay the Vikings to prevent them from taking over parts of England – this was called 'Danegeld'.
- We can learn about the Viking raids from the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles.
- We have learnt things about the Vikings from Viking artefacts that have been found.
- Edward the Confessor ruled peacefully, but didn't have an heir, which resulted in the fight for the English crown (The Battle of Hastings).

# Key Vocabulary



**longboat** – a long, narrow open boat, moved with oars or a sail.

**raid** – a sudden, violent attack on a place to steal from it.

**pillage** – to steal goods using violent tactics

**monastery/monasteries** – a building where monks live and worship.

**invade/invasion** – to enter a country by force with large numbers of soldiers in order to take possession of it.

**Danegeld** – the name for the gold paid to the Vikings to try to stop further attacks.

**artefacts** – an object made by a person (such as a tool or decoration), that is of historical interest.

**jellinge/ringerike** – a style of Viking art