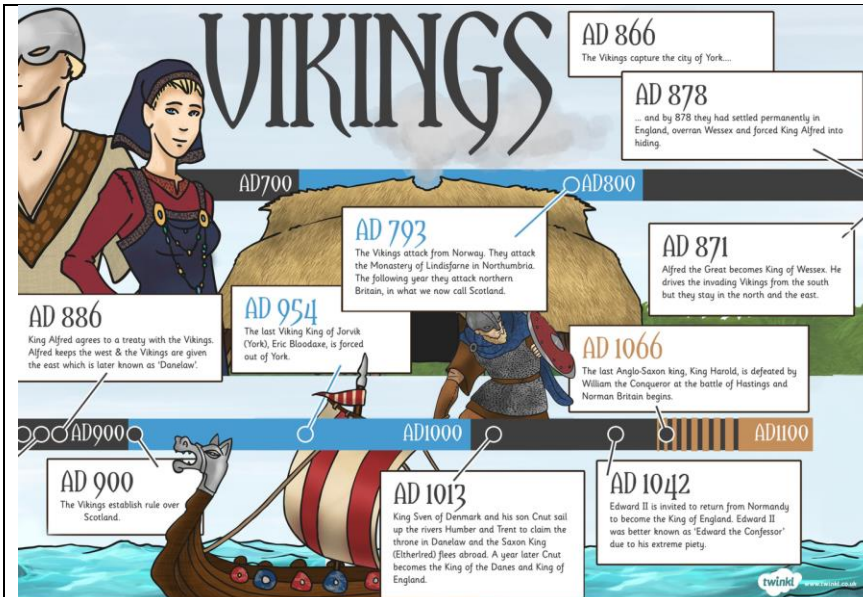


The Vikings

What will I learn?

You will learn who the Vikings were, why they settled in Britain and what life was like during this period.



A typical Viking woman and man



Key facts

- The Vikings came from the modern Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
- They travelled in boats called longships and first arrived in Britain around AD 787
- They raided places such as monasteries and pillaged expensive items to trade.
- They wanted to claim land and tried to take over much of Britain.
- They invaded and settled in Scotland before heading to such places as York. By AD 878 the Vikings had settled permanently in Britain.

Key vocabulary

invade	To enter and occupy land.
kingdom	An area ruled by a king.
longship	A long, narrow wooden boat used by the Vikings
pagan	A religion where many gods and goddesses are worshipped.
pillage	To violently steal something.
raid	A surprise attack.

Inside a typical Viking longhouse

