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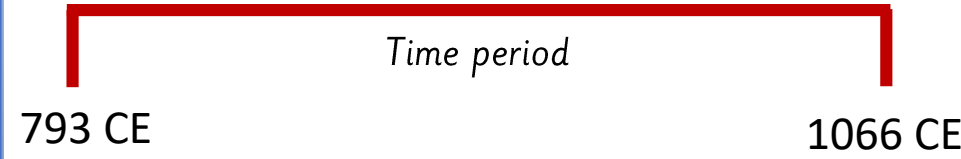
History – Knowledge Organiser

The Vikings 'Raiders and Traders'

Vocabulary		
1	Pagan	A person who believes in many God.
2	Plunder	Take loot during a raid, often causing damage at the same time.
3	Raid	A surprise attack.
4	Saga	A long Viking poem which tells the
5	Trade	Sell items for money, or swap them for other items.
6	Treaty	An agreement made between two or more people, groups or countries.
7	Conquer	To get something by force
8	Settlement	A place were people come to live an build homes
9	Monastery	A place used for prayer such as a church or chapel. Staffed by monks.

The Vikings (also known as **Norsemen**) come from three countries of **Scandinavia** : Denmark, Sweden and Norway. The name 'Viking' means a '**pirate raid**'. People who went off raiding in ships were said to be '**going Viking**'. Vikings travelled the seas on **longboats** raiding and **pillaging** lands.

The Viking Age in Britain began around **1200** years ago and lasted for just over **200 years**. They started out as short trips to steal treasure and take slaves. In time Vikings made their home in **Britain** and took it for themselves. The Saxon King, **King Alfred of Wessex**, fought them in a great battle but he could not stop them at first so had to let them have part of the country in a **treaty** known as **Dane-**.



Key

- Viking Settlements
- Viking Homelands

Map labels: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, England.

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