VIKING RAIDS AND INVASION

Why did they come, and who fought for England?



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TODAY WE WILL...



WE ARE LEARNING TO

- Describe where Vikings came from and how they travelled
- Explain why raids grew into invasion (staying to take land)
- Order key raids from 789 to Edward's time

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- ✓ I can point to Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden, Denmark)
- ✓ I can place Lindisfarne 793 on a timeline
- ✓ I can tell raid from invasion in my words

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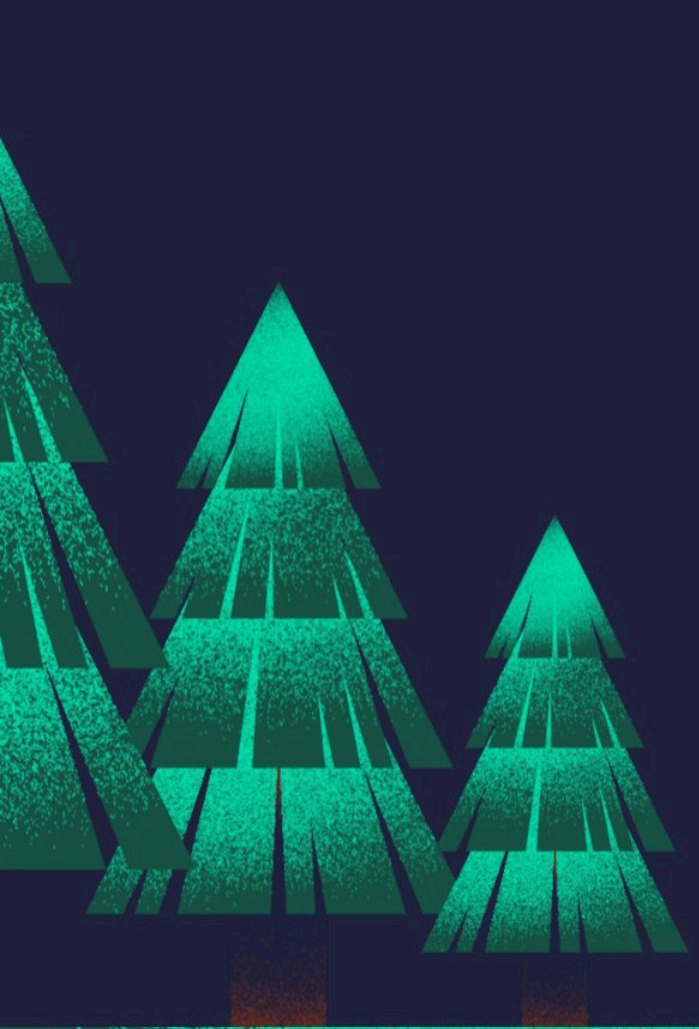
QUICK RAID OR STAYING INVASION?



Quick raids

- Short summer trips by sea
- Stole treasure and took slaves
- Sailed home for harvest

Invasion - staying to take over

- Large groups came to conquer
- Took land to farm and live
- Fought kings for England

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FROM FIRST SHIPS TO STRUGGLE

789 - Weymouth Bay

Three ships land in south

793 - Lindisfarne

Monks' home attacked, treasure taken

790s-850s

Short summer raids for slaves

Later 800s-1000s

Bigger armies invade and settle

By Edward's time

Long struggle for England

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THINK, PAIR, SHARE

Why would farmers sail far to attack a monastery?



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VIKING RAIDS IN BRITAIN



▶ 0:00 – 3:25

- Where they sailed from and to
- What they wanted to steal

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DID YOU KNOW?

England paid 3,300 kg of silver to stop raids.

Called Danegeld, it was worth over £1 million today but did not work.



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FIRST RAID: LINDISFARNE 793



▶ 0:00 – 3:37

- How monks felt when ships arrived
- What Vikings took from the island

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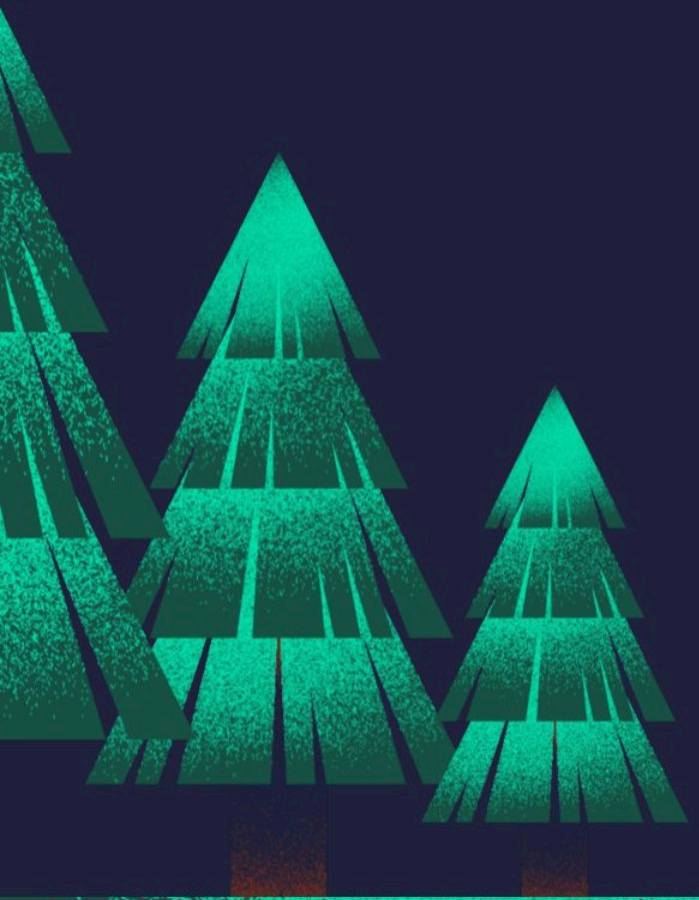
YOUR TASK



In pairs, make a lookout poster to warn of a raid.

1. Draw the sea, ships and warning bell
2. Label 2 signs a raid is coming
3. Add one sentence: why Vikings raided

10 min

In pairs

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WHY DID VIKINGS RAID?



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Rich targets

Monks' church homes held treasure to steal.

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Poor farms

Little good land at home to grow food.

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Fast ships

Long, fast ships sailed far across seas.

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Weak kingdoms

England was split and hard to defend.

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TRUE OR FALSE?



Vikings came from Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

The famous Lindisfarne raid happened in 793.

Danegeld was food Vikings gave to the English.

All Vikings were fighters and never farmed.

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