

# VIKINGS.

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# DAILY LIFE FOR A VIKING.

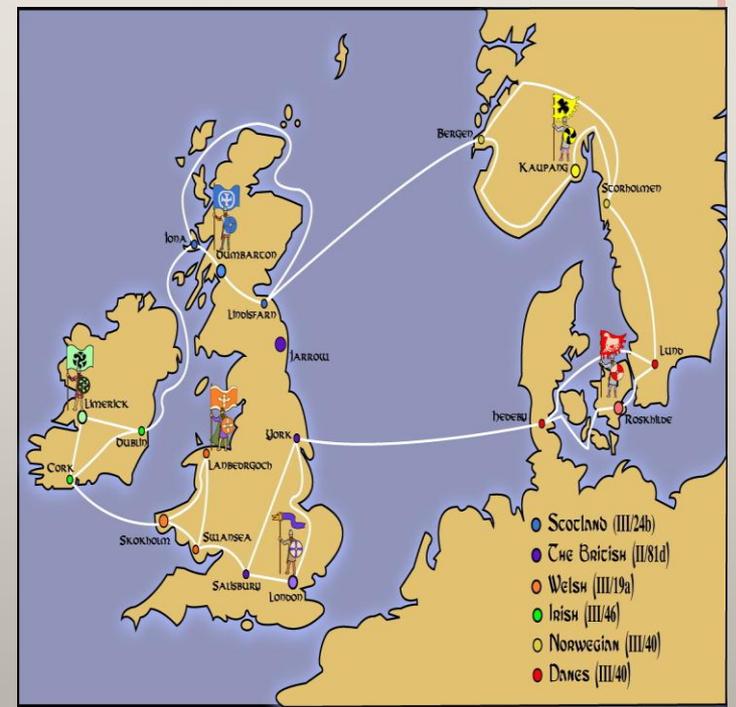
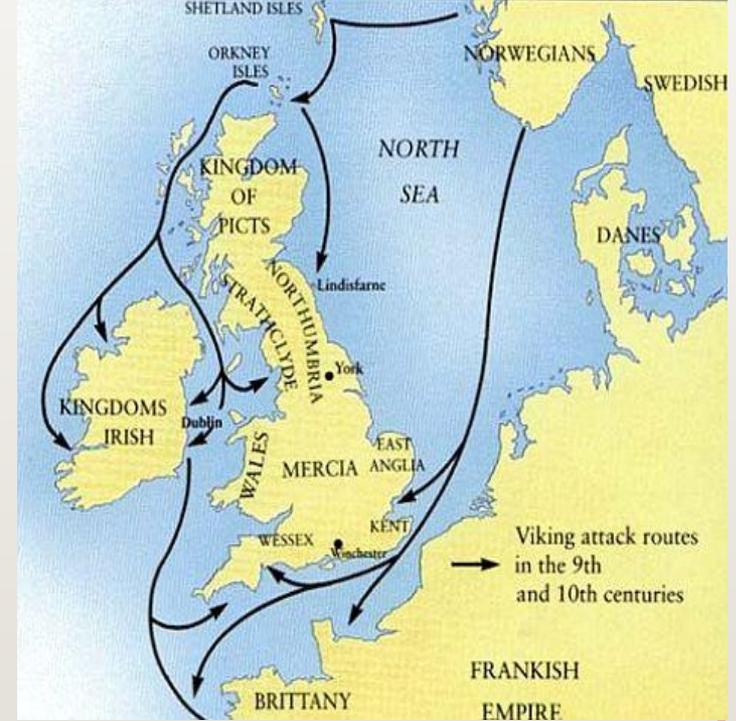


- Jobs such as collecting wood for the fire, weaving cloth and baking bread took up a lot of time. Vikings didn't have much furniture. Perhaps a wooden table and benches to sit on and sleeping on.
- There were no bathrooms in a Viking home. Most people probably washed in a wooden bucket, or at the nearest lake. Instead of toilets, people used cess-pits ( holes outside dug for waste.) The pit was usually screened by a fence. Archaeologists have found evidence of the cess-pits in the town of Jorkiv.



# WHERE DID THEY INVADE?

- The Vikings raided and settled along the coasts of Britain, Ireland, and continental Europe. They crossed the Atlantic to reach Iceland, Greenland, and Newfoundland. Viking merchants travelled through Russia to Constantinople.



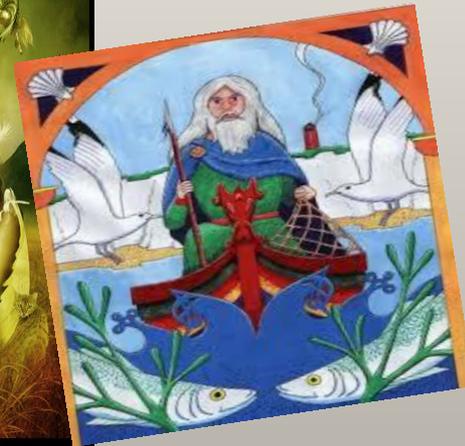
# HOW DID VIKINGS GET THEIR FIERCE REPUTATION?

- The Vikings were not Christian, and they saw isolated monasteries and churches as easy targets for hit and run raids. But the first people to write about the Vikings were monks who had suffered in these raids.

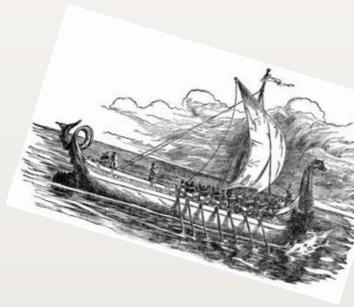


# GODS.

- The Vikings worshiped their gods in the open air, choosing natural landmarks such as big rocks, unusual trees, and waterfalls. Their most important gods were Odin, the god of knowledge, Thor, the god of metalwork and thunder, and Frey, the goddess of fertility. After around 1000, Viking people became Christian.



# VIKING SHIPS.



- Viking ships were made of planks of oak or pine wood, nailed to a heavy centre. This made them strong but flexible. The mast was made from a tall tree trunk and supported a huge square sail. There were oars for each crewman, to row the ship when there was no wind.
- Viking ships were the best in Europe. Besides the long ships used for raiding and war, they had special fishing boats. For long-distance voyages, they built deeper, broader ships called knorrs.



# FACTS.

- They always had a raven on their rail because the raven lived by the sea and flew out which is what inspired the Vikings to stay close to land.
- Vikings believed the earth was flat.
- Thursday is named after Thor, God of Thunder.
- First born girls (and sickly babies) were probably killed or abandoned in hopes of conceiving a son.



# THE THINGS I HAVE LEARNT.

- I have learnt doing this task that the monks made up all of the rumours about the Vikings which made them sound vicious.
- I also learned that if the Vikings had a girl first they would probably abandon or kill them.

