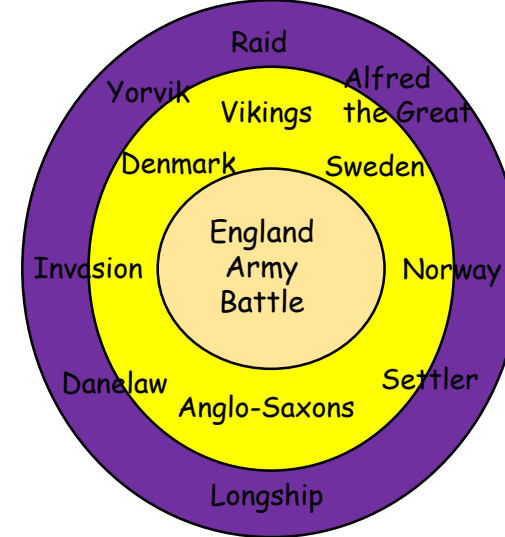


# Vicious Vikings

## STICKY KNOWLEDGE

The Vikings came from Norway, Denmark and Sweden.	The Vikings invaded England as it was full of riches, money and fertile land for farming.	The Vikings have previously mostly been viewed as raiders by historians.
There are many misconceptions about the Vikings, including that they did not have horned helmets.	The majority of Vikings settled in Danelaw, including York (Yorvik) after AD 878.	The Vikings were successful raiders but many also became settlers.



## KEY VOCABULARY

Vikings	A group of people who invaded from Norway, Sweden and Denmark. 'Viking' came from the Old Norse meaning 'a pirate raid'
Chieftain	The leader of a village or small group of people
Danelaw	The area of England ruled by the Vikings
Pagan	A person who believed in many gods
Freeman	A person who is not a slave and free to choose who he or she worked for.
Longship	A Viking ship with a sail and oars, also called a dragon-ship.

## Key Historical Figure: Cnut the Great

- Cnut, also known as Canute, was the king of Denmark, Norway and England.
- He is considered one of the most influential English Kings, he was Danish himself.
- He defeated Ethelred and conquered all that was north of the River Thames.
- He eventually became King of England after King Edmund died.

