

Anglo Saxon Britain

AD 410	The Romans leave Britain.	Odin	Father of the gods
AD 400-AD 600	The Dark Ages – little is known about these times	Frigg	Odin's wife, the goddess of love
AD 550	Britain is broken up into small kingdoms (see below)	Thor	God of thunder and protected humans
AD 660	Anglo-Saxons control most of Britain.	Tyr	God of war and justice
AD 757-AD 796	Offa is the king of Mercia. Mercia is the most powerful kingdom at this time.	Loki	The god of fire/light- a sly and mischievous god who can change form.

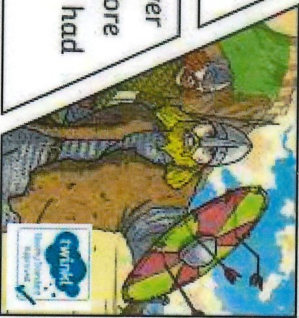
Viking Gods

Vocabulary Dozen

settlement	A place where people have come to live and built homes.
conquer	To get something by force.
kingdom	A country whose ruler is a king or a queen.
Scandinavia	The area that is made up of the countries: Norway, Sweden and Denmark.
ritual	A ceremony or series of acts that is always performed in the same way.
monastery	A building where people worship and devote their time to God.
missionaries	Someone who makes it their mission to convert people to a particular religion.
fertile	Capable of producing fruit/ offspring.
treaty	A written agreement between two states.
massacre	The killing of many people.
archaeologist	An expert who studies objects from the past to learn about the people who lived then.
excavation	To uncover something by digging and removing the earth that covers it.

The Early Vikings

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. The Vikings **raided** places such as monasteries and **pillaged** expensive items to trade. They were looking for valuable goods like gold and jewels, imported foods and other useful materials.



Norway



Sweden



Denmark

The Vikings also wanted to claim land and tried to take over much of Britain. They **invaded** and settled in Scotland before heading south to places such as York. By AD 878 the Vikings had settled permanently in Britain.