

## Invasers and Settlers

### What does invader mean?

An invader is a person or group that invades a country, region, or other place.

### What does settler mean?

A settler is a person who lives in the country, region, or other place that they had invaded.

From 800 BC the Celts settled in Britain, this was followed by the Romans, Anglo-Saxon's and then the Vikings. Each of these different groups are called invaders and settlers. They all invaded Britain for different reasons and then settled there.

### Where did the Vikings come from and why did they invade Britain?

Read the information below then answer the questions.

## Homeland

### ... in 30 seconds



The Vikings originally came from Scandinavia—a region of mountains, forests, lakes, and bogs in northern Europe. Its long coastline is broken up by deep inlets, headlands, and islands. Some Vikings lived near the coasts, where there were harbors for ships and plentiful fish. Others lived in the flatlands of the south where crops could be grown.

The Vikings made their homes in scattered settlements and villages. Later, they built towns and forts. They mostly lived by farming and trading. Scandinavia could offer plenty of timber, furs, and minerals such as bog iron, a useful metal ore that could easily be collected from wetlands. Amber, a yellow or brown fossil resin, was valued for making jewelry.



Although Scandinavia was a good place to live, the Vikings wanted more land. Many wanted to get rich, by trading overseas or by attacking and looting distant lands. Some wanted to find better farmland where they could build new homes, or win power and fame. Above all, Vikings were adventurers. They loved sailing off to explore and settle new lands such as Iceland and Greenland.



1. Who are invaders and settlers?
2. Where did the Vikings originally come from?
3. Why did some Vikings live near the coast?
4. Why did some Vikings live in the flatlands of the south?
5. Where did most of the Viking population live? Why?
6. What were winters like in the north?
7. What was amber used for?
8. Explain in your own words why the Vikings wanted more land.