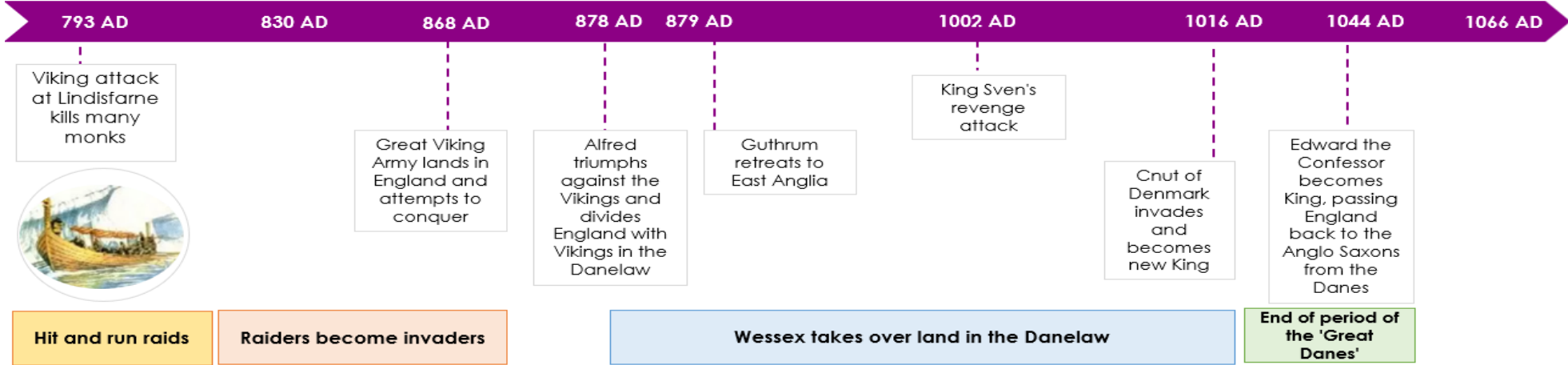


Saxons

Vikings

Normans



Hit and run raids

Raiders become invaders

Wessex takes over land in the Danelaw

End of period of the 'Great Danes'

Key vocabulary

Danegeld protection money paid by Saxons to bribe Vikings not to attack their lands

Danelaw large part of Eastern England where the Danes settled in the late 9th century with their own laws and culture

Heathen person who does not accept a religion that says there is only one god

Hoard hidden collection of treasure

Pagan person who believes in more than one god

Runes Viking writing

Saga long story about Viking heroes, spoken at first but later written down

Top takeaways

1. The word Viking means raider (and they certainly did a lot of that!) but they were also traders and settlers, especially later in the period

2. They attacked England from Scandinavia carrying out raids on monasteries which is why the monks criticised them so much

3. For many years They fought hard against the Saxons for control of England but were stopped by Alfred. They then settled in the East with some becoming kings of England at the end of the Saxon period

4. They were highly skilled shipbuilders, taking them vast distances across dangerous seas

5. They did not worship a single god but made offerings to a large number such as Odin (Wednesday named after him) Thor (Thursday) and Freya (Friday)



Who's who?

Alfred Saxon king who decisively defeated the Viking army in 878 and earned the reputation as 'great'

Cnut Ruled England from between 10126 and 1035 as well as Norway and Denmark

Guthrum One of the leaders of the Great Army who was successful before Alfred beat him. He was later baptised as a Christian and retreated to East Anglia in 879

Sweyn Forkbeard Ruled Denmark and was Warrior King from 986 until 1014 and for a few weeks was King of England

Days of the week

The names for most of the days of the week originate from Vikings.

Monday – linked to the moon by the name Mani – Norse for Moon.

Tuesday named after the Viking God of War – Tyr.

Wednesday – named after Woden.

Thursday – named after Thor, the God of thunder.

