

# The Vikings

## Why was Canute given the title of 'Canute the Great'?

I can explain why the Vikings left Scandinavia.

The Vikings first came to Britain in 793 CE when raids took place along the coast. They raided monasteries because they were located conveniently and they were full of valuable goods. During the 800s, the raids became more frequent. The Vikings realised that if they invaded and settled in Britain, they could become even wealthier.



### The Early Middle Ages



I understand why King Canute was important and the impact he had on Britain.

The Viking Canute became King of England in 1016.

The North Sea Empire benefited from the unity and stability King Canute brought through his power and government.



He introduced the law of intestacy which means that a family have the right to inherit, even without a will.

Key Words	Meaning
Raid	A rapid surprise attack, usually involving stealing something
Longboat	A long, light and slender boat that Vikings used to travel
Heathen	A person who does not belong to a widely held religion
Settled	When you make a permanent home somewhere
Danelow	The area that Alfred allowed Vikings to rule
Overlord	A person of great power or authority
Buhr	An Anglo-Saxon fortification or fortified settlement
Submit	To accept the authority of another person

