

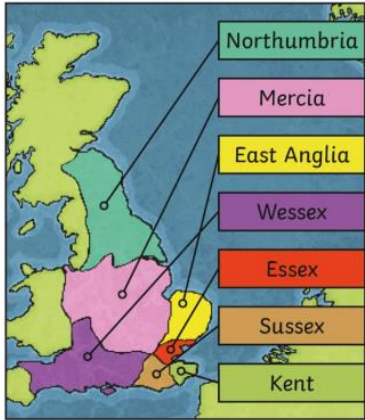


History year 5

Why did the Vikings invade Britain?



The Roman Empire became too big to control. Britain was gradually attacked by the Anglo-Saxons who eventually took over Britain. There were seven different kings who each ruled their own kingdom within Britain.



We know the Anglo-Saxons were in Britain because archaeologists have found many treasures including those from a ship burial at Sutton Hoo.

The Vikings first invaded Britain in 793 CE. They arrived in longships and raided places such as monasteries and pillaged expensive items to trade. They also wanted to claim land and take over much of Britain.

cause	A reason why something happens
consequence	What happens after an action or event
invade	To enter or attack another country
settle	To live in a new place
pagan	A person who believes something different then a recognised or main religion.



The Bayeux Tapestry

The Viking king, King Harold, was finally defeated in 1066 at the Battle of Hastings. Britain became united under a new king, William The Conqueror.

