

WAL about Viking raids

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Must know where they came from  
and where they invaded

Should describe what it would be  
like to be a marauding Viking

Could explain what it would be like  
to await a Viking raid

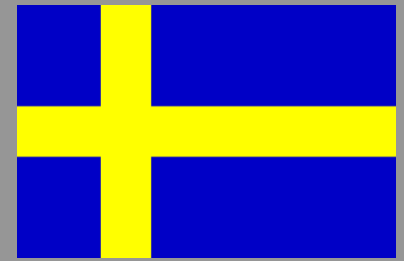
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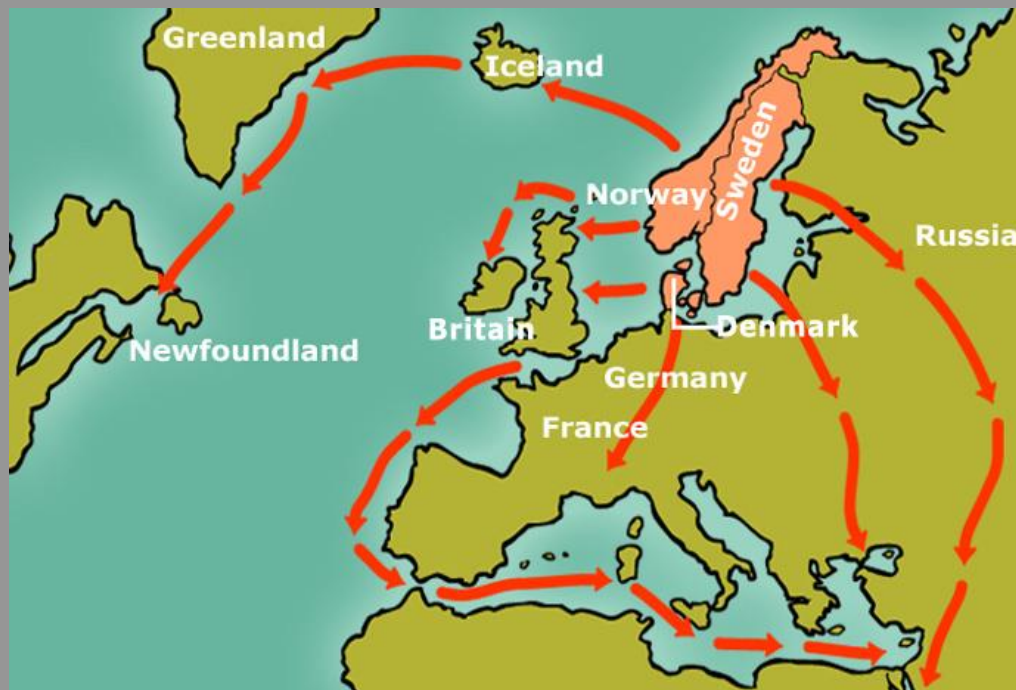
# RAIDS

- First Raid was in AD793 near the English border in a monastery
- Monks recorded all of the Viking attacks
- Raids started small and unorganised, soon thousands of Vikings left their homelands to raid other countries

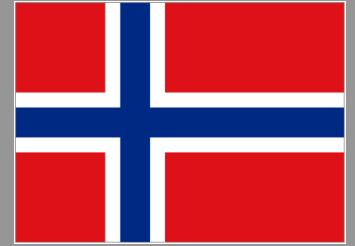
# SWEDISH VIKINGS



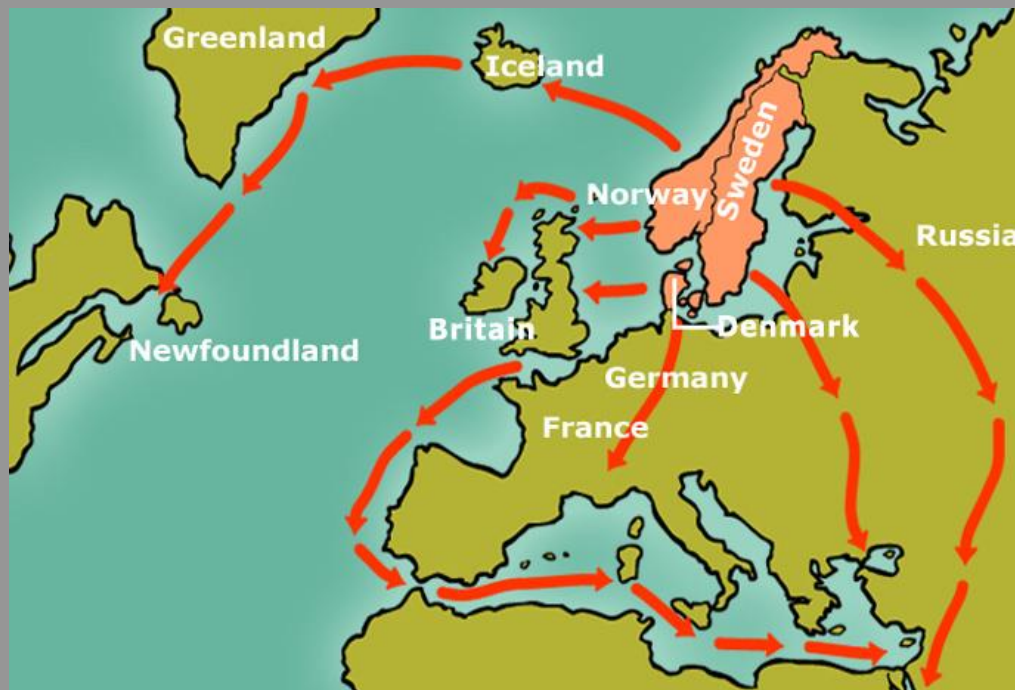
- Looked east for trade
- They used river routes to go to other countries
- They traded in Istanbul and even Baghdad



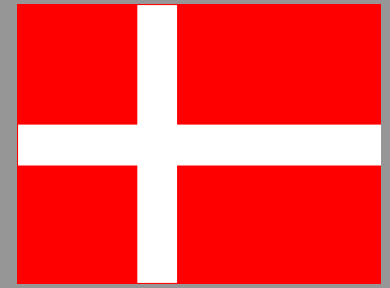
# NORWEGIAN VIKINGS



- Wanted more land
- Travelled westward settling in Scotland, Ireland, Iceland and even Greenland



# DANISH VIKINGS



- The Danes were interested in Ireland, Wales and especially the east of England



# Why did they travel to other countries?

- Jewels
- Silks
- Furs
- Silver
- Slaves
- Spices
- Food and drink
- Gold





# VIKING SAGAS



- Saga means story, this is an extract from a Viking's Saga
- *When Thorald was about twenty years old he made up his mind to go on a Viking expedition, so his father gave him a longship. Evind and Obir joined him with another longship and a good number of men, and they spent the summer plundering. There was plenty of loot so each man got a good share. That's how things were for a number of years - every summer they'd go on Viking expeditions and every winter they would stay at home with their families and parents. Thorold brought his parents a lot of valuable things.*



# WHAT THE MONKS THOUGHT



- This is what a French monk wrote about Viking raids in France:
- *The endless flood of Vikings is on the increase. Everywhere, Christ's people are the victims of massacre, burning and theft. The Vikings destroy everything. Towns are emptied and evil triumphs! Monks, townspeople and everyone else have been killed or taken prisoner. Monasteries along the river Seine have been destroyed. The Vikings have left the remaining people in a state of terror.*

- Along the margins of another manuscript are these words. They were probably written by an Irish monk.
- *Rough is the wind tonight  
Tossing the sea's white hair.  
I need not dread the fierce Viking  
Crossing the Irish Sea.*