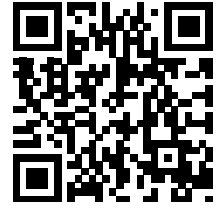


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Danelaw's Historical Significance



In the late 9th century, England was a land divided. The _____, from Scandinavia, had launched numerous raids on English soil, leading to a significant portion of the _____ coming under their control. This region became known as the Danelaw. It stretched across the _____ and east of England, from London up to Chester, marking the territory where Viking laws and _____ prevailed over those of the Anglo-Saxons.

The establishment of the Danelaw had profound effects on _____. It led to the mixing of Norse and Anglo-Saxon cultures, visible in language, legal systems, and place _____. For example, many towns ending in '-by' or '-thorpe' are of Norse origin, indicating a _____ or village. The Vikings introduced new agricultural practices and _____ techniques, significantly impacting the local economy.

King Alfred the Great played a pivotal role in the _____ of Danelaw. After a series of battles, Alfred managed to halt the Viking advance at the Battle of _____ in 878. This victory did not remove the Viking presence but forced them to agree to the Treaty of _____, defining the boundaries of the Danelaw. This treaty was crucial for the future of England, as it allowed for a _____ of relative peace and stability.

Within the Danelaw, the Vikings established a unique legal _____ that differed from the Anglo-Saxon law. This system was more democratic, with local assemblies, known as _____, making decisions on legal and community issues. These _____ played a critical role in governance and are considered a precursor to modern _____.

The influence of the Danelaw can still be felt today in England. It shaped the development of the English _____, introducing many Norse words into the vocabulary. The legacy of the Vikings in England is a testament to their _____ on shaping the nation's identity and culture.

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