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# Viking Culture in Britain



During the late 8th to the early 11th century, the \_\_\_\_\_ emerged as a powerful force in Europe. Originating from \_\_\_\_\_, they were not only fierce warriors but also skilled traders and \_\_\_\_\_. Their ships, known for their speed and flexibility, enabled them to navigate across the vast \_\_\_\_\_, reaching as far as the Americas. In \_\_\_\_\_, the Vikings began their raids in 793 AD, attacking the monastery at \_\_\_\_\_, a move that marked the beginning of the Viking Age in this region. These \_\_\_\_\_ gradually turned into larger-scale invasions, leading to the Vikings controlling significant \_\_\_\_\_ of England. The Viking influence was so strong that a region known as the \_\_\_\_\_ was established, where Viking laws and customs prevailed. The Vikings introduced new agricultural \_\_\_\_\_, which significantly improved the economy of the areas under their control. Their \_\_\_\_\_, Old Norse, also left a mark on the English language, contributing many \_\_\_\_\_ that are still in use today. The settlements they established were not merely military \_\_\_\_\_ but evolved into thriving communities. One of the most famous Vikings, \_\_\_\_\_ the Great, became king of England in 1016, ruling over a North Sea empire that included \_\_\_\_\_ and Norway. The Vikings' legacy in England is evident in place names, language, and \_\_\_\_\_ that have been influenced by their culture. Despite their reputation as raiders, the Vikings' \_\_\_\_\_ in shaping the modern English nation cannot be underestimated. Their contributions to \_\_\_\_\_, culture, and governance had a lasting impact on England's development.

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