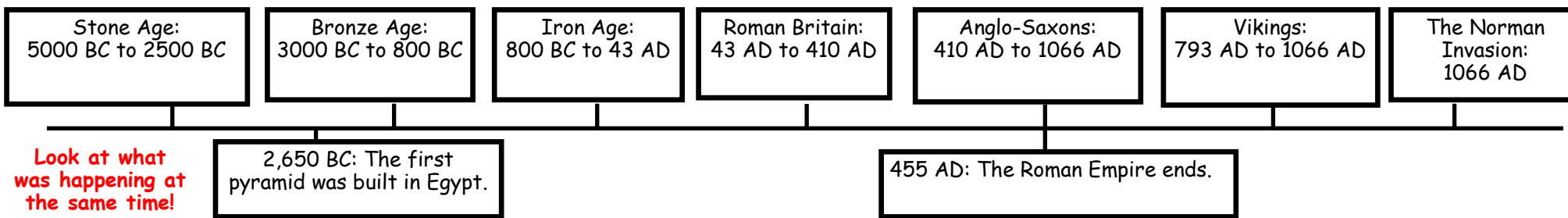


# Year 5: Were the Vikings really vicious?



## Knowledge

The **Vikings** were a group of people from Northern Europe who were known as great boat builders, seamen and warriors.

From the 8th to the 11th centuries they travelled to Europe in their long ships, attacking and then settling in areas that are now modern Great Britain, Germany, France, Spain and Italy.

In A.D. 793, the Vikings attacked Lindisfarne, looting the monastery and killing or enslaving many of the monks. It was the first time the Vikings had attacked a monastic site in Britain.

The Vikings also did other jobs, like farming, and often settled in places after they had raided them.

The Vikings conquered all but one of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. Mercia, ruled by Alfred, resisted the Viking invasion. King Alfred was later known as Alfred the Great because of this.

## Vocabulary

Alfred	A famous Saxon king.
archaeology	The study of things that people made, used and left behind.
artefact	An object made by a human in the past.
chronology	The study of events in time.
Danelaw	The area controlled by the Danish Vikings.
inference	To make a guess using information that you already know.
interpretation	To make informed guesses about an artefact or an event, leading to an adaptation or version of events.
invasion	To enter a place as an enemy by force in order to conquer or steal from it.
primary source	Images, documents or artefacts used as evidence from a specific time period.
raider	A person who attacks a place to steal something.
representation	Something that represents something else, like a symbol.
Viking	The Vikings were a Scandinavian people from Northern Europe who were known as great seamen and warriors.

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