

# Glossary

afterlife	Where some people believe you go after <a href="#">death</a> .
ally	A person, group or country who is <a href="#">working with you</a> for a particular purpose.
amber	A hard <a href="#">yellow</a> or <a href="#">orange</a> substance that can be used in <a href="#">jewellery</a> .
Anglo-Saxons	The <a href="#">main group</a> of people living in Britain when the Vikings invaded.
archaeological evidence	Objects that get <a href="#">dug up</a> by <a href="#">archaeologists</a> , which we can use to find out what life was like in the <a href="#">past</a> . For example, <a href="#">coins</a> , <a href="#">pottery</a> , <a href="#">bones</a> , etc.
archaeologist	A person who studies history by <a href="#">digging up objects</a> and using them to tell us about the <a href="#">past</a> .
baptise	To accept someone into the <a href="#">Christian religion</a> .
blood-feud	A <a href="#">violent argument</a> between families that takes place over <a href="#">many years</a> .
Christian	A person who follows the <a href="#">religion</a> based on the teachings of <a href="#">Jesus Christ</a> .
Danegeld	<a href="#">Money</a> paid to the Vikings to stop them from raiding.
Danelaw	The <a href="#">area of land</a> in Britain that the <a href="#">Danish Vikings</a> ruled over.
Danes	People from <a href="#">Denmark</a> . In the past, people in Britain sometimes referred to all Vikings as Danes.
duchy	An <a href="#">area</a> within a country, which is ruled by a duke.
estate	The <a href="#">land</a> owned by a <a href="#">lord</a> .
excavation	The process whereby archaeologists <a href="#">dig</a> in the ground to find <a href="#">objects</a> and <a href="#">buildings</a> from the <a href="#">past</a> .
exile	To send someone <a href="#">out of a country</a> and ban them from coming back.
famine	A serious <a href="#">shortage of food</a> over a wide area of land.

fortify	Build <a href="#">defences</a> to <a href="#">protect</a> a place or building from attack.
fyrð	An Anglo-Saxon <a href="#">army</a> .
harvest	The time of year when the <a href="#">crops</a> are cut down to provide <a href="#">food</a> .
hilt	The <a href="#">handle</a> of a sword.
hoard	A <a href="#">store</a> of <a href="#">money</a> or <a href="#">treasure</a> .
international	Involving more than one <a href="#">country</a> .
ivory	The hard, white substance that animal <a href="#">tusks</a> are made from.
justice system	A system for making sure that people <a href="#">don't break the law</a> , and for <a href="#">punishing</a> them for their <a href="#">crimes</a> .
knarr	A <a href="#">Viking ship</a> used for <a href="#">long voyages</a> and <a href="#">trading</a> because it had lots of storage <a href="#">space</a> for transporting supplies.
longship	A <a href="#">Viking ship</a> used for <a href="#">fighting</a> and carrying out <a href="#">raids</a> .
legend	A <a href="#">story</a> set in human <a href="#">history</a> , which historians haven't been able to prove actually happened.
loot	<a href="#">Stolen money</a> or <a href="#">treasure</a> .
massacre	The <a href="#">murder</a> of a large number of people.
mead	An <a href="#">alcoholic drink</a> made from <a href="#">honey</a> .
monastery	A place where people who have dedicated their lives to <a href="#">religion</a> , such as <a href="#">monks</a> or <a href="#">nuns</a> , live.
navigate	Find the <a href="#">right way</a> to where you're going, across the land or the sea.
Normans	People who came from Scandinavia and <a href="#">settled</a> in <a href="#">northern France</a> , in an area now called <a href="#">Normandy</a> , in the 10th century.

## Norsemen

The name given to [people](#) living in [Scandinavia](#) at the time of the [Vikings](#). It means '[men of the North](#)'.

## outlawing

Stripping someone of all their legal rights, so that they're [not protected](#) by the law. For example, somebody could hurt them but not be punished for it.

## overlord

A lord who is in [overall charge](#) of an area of land, including all the [other lords](#) in the area.

## Pagan religion

A group of traditional religions. Many of these religions worship several [gods](#) or [goddesses](#), and [nature](#) is seen as very important.

## plunder

Take [loot](#) during a raid, often causing damage at the same time.

## priory

A [small monastery](#) (place where monks or nuns live).

## raid

A [surprise attack](#).

## rune

A [letter](#) from the alphabet used by the Vikings.

## runestone

A [standing stone](#) engraved with [writing](#) and sometimes a [picture](#).

## saga

A long Viking [poem](#), which tells stories of [warriors](#) and [heros](#).

## Scandinavia

The countries of [Norway](#), [Sweden](#) and [Denmark](#). This is the area the Vikings came from.

## stalemate

When two sides are fighting, but [neither](#) is able to [win](#).

## trade

[Sell](#) items for money, or [swap](#) them for other items.

## treaty

An [agreement](#) made between two or more people, groups or countries.

## Valhalla

The place Vikings believed they would go [after death](#), if they died [fighting bravely](#) in [battle](#).

## wergild

The [money](#) a [person](#) or piece of [property](#) was thought to be worth. If a person was [killed](#), their family would be paid wergild by the [killer](#).