

Picts & Scots

After the Romans left, Britain was invaded by the Scots, the Picts, followed by the Jutes the Angles and the Saxons.

The Picts were an ancient people. They didn't leave written records, so much of what we know comes from Roman and Greek records. The name 'Picts' probably comes from the Roman word 'pictus' meaning 'painted.' The Romans described the Picts as painted savages, but they would have worn clothes made of wool and leather. They

probably had blue tattoos. The ink for these tattoos came from a plant called woad.

The Picts had lived in Scotland since the Mesolithic Era. This means they had lived

there since around

10,000 BC. It was not called Scotland when the Picts lived there, but Pictland.

The Picts did not leave much evidence behind as they didn't write things down, but we can learn a lot about the Picts from the standing stones they carved. They carved patterns, symbols and images. Some stones also show labels written in ogham, a Pict alphabet.



Viking Gods

Odin	Father of the gods.
Frigg	Odin's wife, the goddess of love.
Thor	God of thunder and protector of humans.
Tyr	God of war and justice.
Loki	God of firelight – a sly and mischievous god who can change form.

Viking Britain

790-799 AD	First Viking raids on Britain.
793 AD	Attack on Lindisfarne (the first planned Viking raid).
871 AD	Alfred the Great becomes King of Wessex.
876 AD	Guthrum (new leader of Vikings) attacks Wessex.
878 AD	Battle at Chippenham, many of Alfred's men are killed.
878 AD	Alfred's army beat the Danish Vikings. Alfred and Guthrum make a treaty.
924 AD	Athelstan becomes the King of Mercia.
928 AD	Athelstan retakes York from the Vikings and becomes the first King of England.
978 AD	New Viking raids after King Ethelred the Unready is crowned.
1002 AD	Ethelred takes revenge on Vikings, orders all Danish men to be killed.
1042 AD	Edward becomes king, and becomes known as Edward the Confessor.
1066	Battle of Hastings.

Vocabulary Dozen

settlement	A place where people have come to live and built homes.
conquer	To get something by force
kingdom	A country whose ruler is a king or queen
Scandinavia	The area that is made up of the countries: Norway, Sweden and Denmark.
ritual	A ceremony or series of acts that is always performed in the same way.
monastery	A building where people worship and devote their time to God.
missionaries	Someone who makes it their mission to convert people to a particular religion.
fertile	Capable of producing fruit/ offspring.
treaty	A written agreement between two states.
massacre	The killing of many people.
archaeologist	An expert who studies objects from the past to learn about the people who lived then.
excavation	To uncover something by digging and removing the earth that covers it.

Flags of Scandinavia – the countries Vikings came from.



Norway



Sweden



Denmark