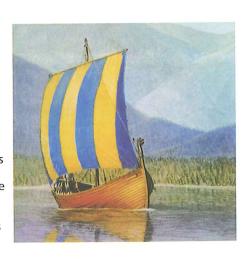
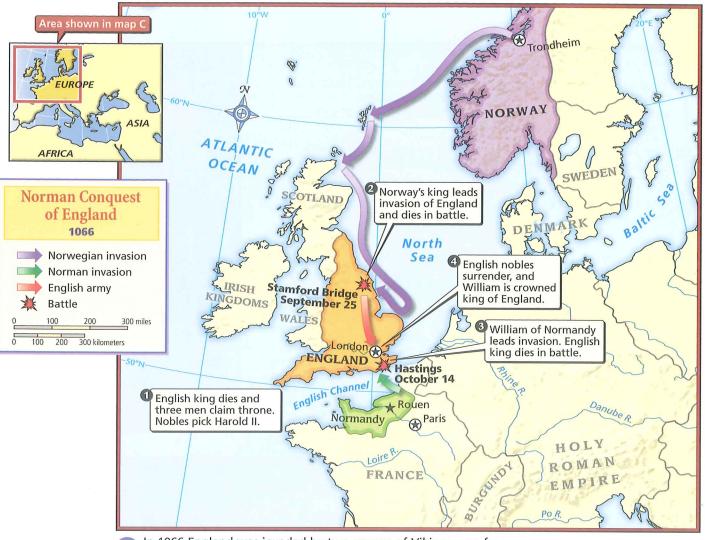
Wiking Impact on Europe

Vikings came from Scandinavia—Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. They were fierce warriors and superb sailors.

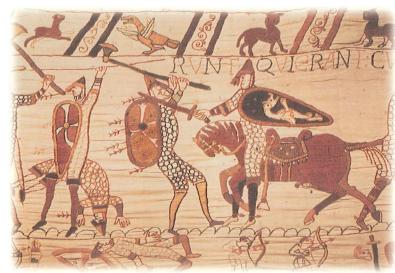
- Vikings terrorized towns along the coasts and rivers of Europe. They murdered villagers and looted and burned their towns.
- Vikings also built settlements in Europe as well as in Iceland and Greenland.
- One group of Vikings, called Normans, later conquered and ruled England.
- A Viking ships used sails and oars to cross open water and move up rivers. Vikings landed quickly and left before defenders could gather.







In 1066 England was invaded by two groups of Vikings, one from Norway and the other from Normandy. The Normans were victorious, and their leader became known as William the Conqueror.



During the Norman Conquest, Norman horsemen defeated Anglo-Saxon foot soldiers. Norman women embroidered a 230-foot long cloth, the Bayeaux Tapestry, depicting the conquest. One section is shown here.

Norman who?

The French king allowed Vikings to settle along his country's northwest coast. A Viking settler was called a Norman, short for Norseman or Northman. The region came to be known as Normandy.