

Who were the Vikings?

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The Vikings were sailors (1) from Scandinavia who raided (2) other lands and made a big impact on language (3) and how countries (4) were ruled. They were known for their exploration and their fierce raids.

Originally, the word "Viking" meant exploring or raiding, but later it was used to describe Scandinavian sailors who traveled (5) between 790 and 1100 A.D.

They raided many places, like England, Scotland, Ireland, North Africa, and Canada. They also settled in these areas and changed the language (6) and culture.

In England, they invaded with the "Great Heathen Army" in 865 and took control of some kingdoms (7). Vikings were not just fighters; they also traded (8) and shared their culture.

By the 11th century, Viking power (9) decreased because of changes in politics and religion (10). Despite how they're shown in movies, Vikings were more than just warriors; they had a big influence on the world around them.