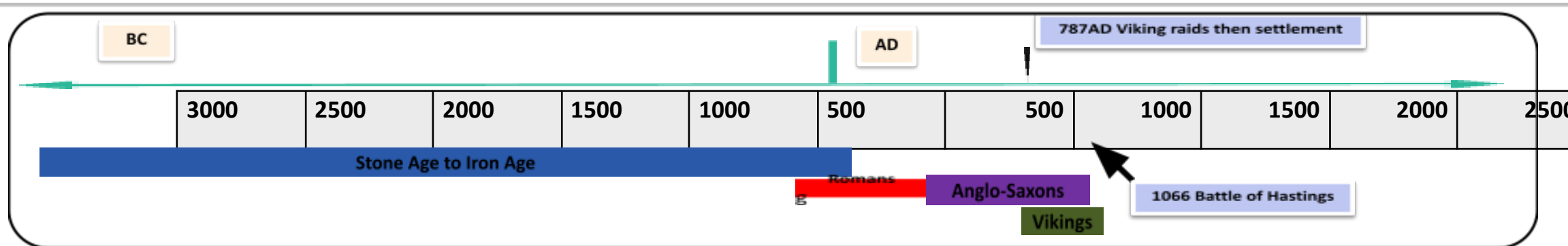


(Y5U2) Vikings: Would Viking people do anything for money?



**Key takeaways**

- Viking means 'pirate' or 'raider'. Vikings came from Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden, Denmark).
- Not all Viking people were raiders; many were farmers, traders and craftspeople.
- Vikings **migrated** from their homeland for a number of reasons.
- Some included push factors – where they came from was overpopulated and there was not enough food.
- Pull factors included wealth and a better climate.
- Vikings settled in many places, not just in Britain.
- They mainly settled in **rural** areas in the East of England as these were the first places they encountered.
- We know about Vikings by studying archaeological remains, studying the Viking **sagas** and reading written accounts.
- Some accounts were written by other groups, like Anglo-Saxons, a number of years after the events took place.
- Historians continue to review their **interpretation** of what Viking people were like.



Map showing Viking journeys

**5 words to remember**

- interpretation:** a description or explanation of something in the past based on sources of evidence
- migrate:** to move from one place to another
- raid:** to enter a place by force to steal something
- rural:** countryside areas, usually focused on farming
- saga:** a story that tells a heroic adventure

The most important reason the Vikings settled in Britain was that

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The nearest Viking settlements to my home are

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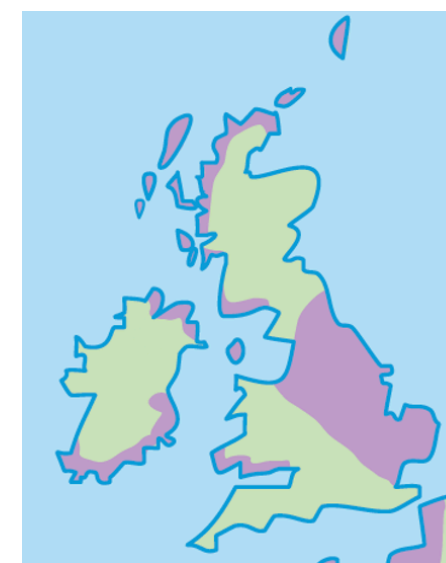
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Map showing Viking settlement (purple shading)