

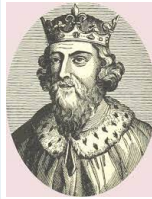
## Knowledge Organiser for Year 4/5 History: The unification and conquest of Britain

### Important People

#### King Alfred the Great

Reign: 871-899

Defeated Vikings to become first king of all of Britain.



#### Aethelflaed, Lady of the Mercians

871-918

Important leader and negotiator who defeated many Viking raiders.



#### William the Conqueror

Reign: 1066-1087

Crowned King of England at Westminster Abbey on Christmas day 1066.



#### King Ethelred the Unready

Reign: 978-1016

Created Danegeld to pay the Vikings to leave his kingdom.



#### King Cnut

Reign: 1016-1035

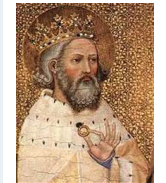
Invaded England and became king, making England part of the Viking empire for a time.



#### Edward the Confessor

Reign: 1042-1066

Led a very religious life and built Westminster Abbey.



### Tier 3 Vocabulary

**Danelaw** Part of England under the control of the Vikings.

**Reign** The period of time in which a monarch is on the throne.

**Kingdom** An area governed over by a monarch.

**Treaty** An agreement between two groups of people.

**Danegeld** Money paid to the Vikings to make them refrain from invading Britain.

**Witan** An Anglo-Saxon council or parliament.

**Claimant** Someone who believes they should have something.

**Heir** The next person in line for the throne.

**Berserker** A ferocious or wild Viking warrior.

### Key Battles

#### The Battle of Fulford:

20<sup>th</sup> September 1066,

Edwin and Morcar Earls of Northumbria and Mercia's English army vs Harald Hardrada's army from Scandinavia

#### The Battle of Stamford Bridge:

25<sup>th</sup> September 1066,

Harold Godwinson's English army vs Harald Hardrada's army from Scandinavia

#### The Battle of Hastings:

14<sup>th</sup> October 1066,

Harold Godwinson's English army vs William, Duke of Normandy's Army from France

Year 3 - The Anglo-Saxon and Viking raiders.  
Year 1/2 - The changing role of the monarch.

Year 4/5 - How did the division of England change throughout Charles I's reign and the English Civil War?