

History - Monday 1st February 2021

WALT understand the achievements of Alfred the Great's reign

Can you remember what these words mean? Answers at the bottom of today's pages!

1. Hierarchical
2. Raid
3. Norse
4. Jarls, Karls and Thralls
5. Scandinavia

Today we will be learning about Alfred the Great.



This is Alfred the Great. The question that you're going to try and answer today is:

What made Alfred the Great great?

Task 1:

- Read through the information on the fact sheet and pick out the key points.
- Use this information to create a fact file. You can use the one on the next page or create your own.
- You may also wish to use the internet to find out extra facts.

Glossary

Descendant - related to

Burhs - town protected by a large wall

Danelaw - Area run by Vikings

Navy - Sea army

Task 2:

Read through the information below about two more key figures during Viking times:



Edward the Elder (King of Wessex from 902 AD to 924AD)

- Edward was the son of Alfred the Great. Alfred the Great died suddenly so there was a battle for the throne. Edward and his cousin fought and Edward eventually won as his cousin died in battle in 902AD.
- He continued the wars against the Vikings with the help of his sister and these were very successful.
- He made an alliance with the Scots to help defeat the Vikings.
- He is buried in Winchester like his father

King Canute King Canute (995-1035) He was the Viking king of England, Denmark, Norway and part of Sweden. Legend has it that Canute stood in the sea and commanded it to retreat, to show his power, but getting his feet wet only proved to the people that he had less power than God.

1. Hierarchical - A type of society where people are placed in order of rank 2. Raid - A surprise attack on an enemy designed to take or steal something of value or importance 3. Norse - the language the Vikings spoke 4. Jarls - The wealthy nobles in Viking society. They lived in the best houses and reported to the kings or chiefs. 5. Scandinavia - Present day Denmark, Norway and Sweden

Alfred the Great

Who was he?

When did he rule?

When did he die?

How did Alfred the Great deal with the Vikings?

How many fun facts can you discover about Alfred the Great?

Top Tip:

Find information that tells us about his reign and details which uncover why he was named 'Alfred the Great'.