

The Vikings

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The Vikings were a terrible group of people, often from the northern part of Europe. They mostly originated from the three countries of Denmark, Sweden and Norway, called Scandinavians. At first they were called the Norse, because they grew crops and sold them for money for survival. Throughout the years it was really cold and the winters felt really, really long, it was really hard for them to grow crops and make money. They had no other choice but to start raiding other cities. Eventually it led from people in Norway or Sweden to start stealing boats such as “long boats” in struggle to travel through seas for managing to attack other small countries. They started floating through the North Sea just to take aggression on countries such as Ireland, Great Britain and France, well Paris in general. This is why we now in the present name them as Vikings while the actual meaning is “pirate raiders”.

Fun Fact Time:

My previous 3rd class teacher’s ancestors originated from the Viking family.

Okay, back to the main project. Around the 9th century the Vikings attacked Dublin by flowing up the River Liffey. They started attacking Ireland a whole bunch. It was really 830ACE when Vikings started taking the Irish more

seriously, and frightening the Irish a lot more. They did this because Ireland used to be a very poor country with not many resources. They didn't exchange gold with items like they did in other rich countries such as England, France and Germany. But rather use less valuable things that I predict that could be copper wool or other things that we would call useless nowadays. Vikings mainly looked for things and people like gold, nuggets, food, crops and even WOMEN! They kidnapped women in order to use them as slaves, marry them or even use them to increase the population so their army could get even bigger and stronger! They were truly terrible. Vikings were so intense and such a threat to Ireland causing some Irish people to leave the Irish system to join the Vikings. Many Irish people joined this process. Now let us talk about how Brian Boru stopped or allegedly stopped the Vikings the Vikings. At first Brian Boru was born in the year of 941ACE to the year of 1014. He was first the king of Munster but then progressed to wanting to become the High King of all Ireland. The population back then was only under 500,000 as they had 150 different kings owning their own land and domain. Only 1,000 years later, only the county of Dublin can hold 1.8 million people. Whilst the whole country holding 4.784 million. Brian eventually stopped the Vikings from what I believe. But I couldn't find any info. Currently there is a show CALLED "Vikings" which has been airing for 69 episodes since 2013. From right now they're on season five along with a rating of 91% on Rotten Tomatoes and a rating of 8.7 on IMDb! It must be a pretty good show. Here is the trailer link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xdm7Z3TQhDg>

Food:

The Vikings ate a different variety of foods. They loved sweet treats such as dried fruit along with drizzles of sweet honey. Vikings loved honey to sweeten up foods since that was their main source of sugar, the drinks they would usually enjoy every day was buttermilk, ale and mead. For supper, the Vikings would eat food like fish, meat fowl, vegetables remember eat your greens, and they also ate bread. Finally around the years of 1160-1170 The Vikings decided to start settling down in the main cities of Ireland. But they didn't just settle down in Ireland. Since they attacked all of Europe they settled down in all of the countries of Iceland, peripheral Scotland, Greenland and even CANADA!

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