

## **25.6.2020 I can write a balanced argument**

### **Should the Vikings have stayed in Britain?**

Many things that exist today in Britain are because of the Vikings. For example many of the towns in the UK were created by the Vikings e.g. Scunthorpe. Some of the words in the English language originated from the Vikings like: happy, or scales and even window. The following argument has both for and against the problem Should the Vikings have stayed in Britain?

The Vikings raided people's land and houses and stole many things like precious jewels or family heirlooms, they took what ever looked valuable. On the same note during these raids the Vikings killed innocent people, they would even kill people who got in their way.

On a positive note, not all Vikings were raiders some minded their own business like the Anglo-Saxons and tended to their land and took care of their families. The Vikings were quite peaceful with the Anglo-Saxons, even though they had their differences.

However, the Viking's houses didn't fit in to the environment or their surroundings. The Viking settlements had a lot of houses, fences, huts, and even halls and most of these were just for celebrations.

Furthermore, the Vikings made most of the towns in Britain, Leicester is one example of many settlements, which meant more trade. So the population would go up and so would the amount of buildings.

However, the Vikings still could have continued to raid. If the Vikings continued raiding, the Anglo-Saxons knew they would keep losing loved ones and their homes. The Anglo-Saxons could have lost their money or anything that was really special to them.

Although not all Vikings were raiders, some worked in their fields or in towns working as the local blacksmith or butcher. Some Vikings even went off trading goods in other countries.

In conclusion, I have seen two very good arguments for and against the Vikings staying in Britain. If the Vikings stayed in Britain the Anglo-Saxons could have continued losing their things or the people they loved, even though not all the Vikings were raiders some were farmers working hard to feed their family. Although it has been a tough discussion I agree that the Vikings should have left Britain. Even though they established towns, influenced the English language and even stories that are told by the artefacts they have left behind. The Vikings caused a lot of fear to the Anglo-Saxons.

