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# Terror from the Sea

In the year 793, terror came to the tiny English island of Lindisfarne. Vikings!

Lindisfarne was home to a **monastery**. Here, peaceful Christian monks, or holy men, lived and worshiped God. The monastery contained many beautiful and valuable religious objects. It was these treasures that the Vikings desired.

The band of Viking warriors sailed from their icy homeland in the north of Europe. Then they unleashed a brutal attack on the defenseless people of Lindisfarne. They hacked the monks to death. They burned down buildings and stole the treasures.





The Age of the Vikings  
had begun....

# The Norsemen

The Age of the Vikings was a time in history more than 1,000 years ago. It lasted from the late 700s to around the year 1050.

The Vikings came from northern Europe. They were also known as Norsemen, or “people from the North.” The Vikings were **hardy** people. They had to survive long, dark, freezing-cold winters.

Vikings lived in small settlements led by chiefs, or noblemen. They were farmers, fishermen, hunters, and trappers. Growing crops and raising animals in the cold north was a tough life, however.



The Vikings lived throughout an area known as Scandinavia. In the modern world, this area is made up of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.





Vikings built settlements on the coast. In many places they lived on rocky land surrounded by mountains.



In parts of Norway and Sweden it is dark day and night for weeks at a time during winter. Like modern-day Scandinavian people, the Vikings lived through long periods of darkness.

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They came from the icy north of Europe. They were skillful sailors and fearsome warriors. They were traders, explorers, and ruthless raiders. Armed with axes, spears, and swords, they attacked from the sea, stealing treasure and capturing prisoners. They were the Vikings!

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