Vikings

Vikings believed that when they died in battle, they met Odin or Freya (2 Viking gods) in Viking heaven. Friday is named after Freya and Woden also known as Odin has named Wednesday (Wodensday).

The Vikings, that come from Scandinavia (Sweden, Denmark and Norway), invaded Britain around 793 AD when the Anglo Saxons roamed in Britain.

They started by a small attack on Lindisfarne and then waited five years until assembling an army of 2,000 Danes and attacked what they called afterwards “the five boroughs” known to the Saxons as Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, and Stamford.

The Vikings and the Saxons fought many battles over the years, and finally the Vikings won Wessex and had therefore taken over the whole of England.

After all those battles and during them, the British language had been changed by the way Saxons pronounced certain Danish words.

A couple of examples of words that came from the Vikings include Barn, used as Bairn in Scotland, but still used as child in England