

# History - From Jorvik to York

## Key Vocabulary

HOW DID VIKING SETTLEMENTS CHANGE BRITAIN?

Overlordship	To have great power or authority over all other Lords.
Consecrated	A ceremony takes place to show you are dedicated to the service and worship of God.
Tribute	Payment made, often by one ruler to another.
Contest	To fight for a position of power.
Submit	To accept the authority of another person.
Settlement	A place where people establish a community.
Unite	To bring people together to form a whole.
Excavate	To remove earth carefully from an area in order to find buried remains.



**ATHELSTAN (895 CE - 939 CE)**  
The first king of a united England.  
Grandson of Alfred The Great  
Son of Edward The Elder  
Daughter of Ecgywn



Illustration of  
King Edward



Portrait of  
King Alfred

- Strengthened royal law
- Unified Mercia and Wessex
- Regulated currency
- Formed strong European alliances through his sisters' marriages



Illustration of Athelstan's coin

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**925 CE:** Athelstan was consecrated as King of Mercia and Wessex

**926 CE:** Forces Welsh and Scottish kings into submission

**927 CE:** Athelstan captured the last Viking stronghold, York, and began to mint his own coins

**937 CE:** King Constantine of Scotland and King Olaf of Dublin formed an alliance and faced Athelstan at the Battle of Brunanburh.

**939 CE:** Athelstan dies at Gloucester and is buried at Malmesbury Abbey.

England experienced a period of peace after recapturing Danelaw areas. Six Anglo-Saxon Kings reigned after him.



**978 CE:** Ethelred was crowned King of England.

**980s CE:** Viking raids re-started along the coast of Northumbria.

**991 CE:** A large Viking fleet attacked south-east England and battle ensued.

**1013 CE:** Sweyn Forkbeard launched a large-scale invasion to name himself first Viking King of England.

**SWEYN FORKBEARD**



Consecration of Athelstan, note the crown on his head.



Map of Athelstan's kingdom and overlordship

*King Ethelred* became the sixth Anglo-Saxon king in 978 CE. His **reign** lasted until 1013 when *Sweyn Forkbeard*, the King of Denmark, came to **contest** the throne. *Sweyn Forkbeard* became the first Viking King of England in 1013, but sadly he died in 1014. *Ethelred* returned as King of England from 1014-1016. After his death, Sweyn's son *Canute* was the next to **contest** the throne. *Ethelred's* son, Edmund Ironside, made a truce with *Canute* where they agreed to divide the kingdom between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. *Canute's* son, *Harthacnut*, was the last Dane to rule England.