

The Viking Invasion of Lindisfarne

When?

- ✦ The year 793
- ✦ Most sources agree it was June 8th

Where?

- ✦ Lindisfarne monastery, Holy Island, off the coast of Northumberland

Who?

- ✦ Vikings from Norway
- ✦ Monks living at the Lindisfarne monastery

What?

- ✦ Vikings attacked the monastery looking for treasures they could steal
- ✦ They plundered the monastery, taking gold, silver and precious jewels
- ✦ They massacred the monks who couldn't defend themselves against the Vikings
- ✦ They burnt the monastery down, taking their loot back to Norway

How?

- ✦ The Vikings sailed in longboats from Norway to the Northumbrian coast
- ✦ They were armed with weapons and armour
- ✦ The Lindisfarne monks lived quiet, peaceful lives and never expected a raid as monasteries were considered holy places that were left alone, even during war
- ✦ The monks were defenceless, allowing the Vikings to do whatever they wanted

