

Viking poem

Reading comprehension

More than 1000 years ago
The tough, courageous Vikings did come
from Denmark, Norway and Sweden
and invaded many foreign, unknown places

They believed in gods and goddesses
The king was Odin (the god of wisdom)
His son was Thor (the god of thunder)
They lived in a world called Asgard
with a rainbow bridge that
connected the two worlds

Vikings built light and slender longships
which had a square sail and many a powerful oar
Sometimes they had fearsome dragon's heads
carved right at the front – ROAR!

The Vikings invaded England
They raided all over the place
killing innocent towns people
and they cruelly stole their prized possessions

Thankfully, the famed English king Alfred the Great
managed to stop the Vikings short of
conquering the whole country

Next came English king, Ethelred
who tried to get rid of the determined Vikings
but this angered them and
they chased poor Ethelred far away

Canute came to power and overpowered Edmund II
Wars and disagreements lay ahead
with many more kings

Then in 1066, a momentous day came,
fearless William the Conqueror led a brave army
and they stole King Harold II's crown
The Vikings had been slayed

