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Where can I go for help if I'm feeling too crispy?

The 5 'B's

Brain



Board



Book



Buddy



Boss



Prior Learning (Recall and Recap)

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ANSWERS

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- When did St Columba begin his mission? (AD 563.)
- Who were the other two famous Christian missionaries? (St Augustine of Canterbury and Saint Aidan.)



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Key Vocabulary

✓ **missionaries**

People who spread the message about Christianity.

✓ **Lindisfarne**

An island off the northeast coast of England which was an early centre of Christianity in Britain.

✓ **Battle of Edington**

The place where Alfred defeated the Vikings in AD 878.

✓ **Danelaw**

The large area of England ruled by the Vikings.

✓ **The Great Heathen Army**

The term used to describe the army of Viking warriors who invaded Britain in AD 865–878.

✓ **Vikings**

Seafaring people from Scandinavia who raided and invaded Britain.

✓ **Alfred the Great**

King of the Anglo-Saxons, known for defeating the Vikings.

✓ **Wessex**

An Anglo-Saxon kingdom in the south of England.

✓ **Guthrum**

A Viking leader who was defeated by King Alfred at the Battle of Edington.



An extract from Alcuin of York's letter to Higbald, Bishop of Lindisfarne.

'Lindisfarne is a place more sacred than any in Britain, the place where Christianity in Britain began. What security is there for the churches of Britain if St Cuthbert with so great a throng of saints will not defend his own? Either this is the beginning of greater grief or the sins of those who live there have brought it upon themselves.'

This extract is from the letter Alcuin of York (a famous scholar, advisor and member of the clergy) wrote to the Bishop of Lindisfarne.

Is this a primary or secondary source?

What is Alcuin's response to the raid and why?

What worried Alcuin?

Why does he think the raid happened?

Play link: [BBC Bitesize - Viking attack at Lindisfarne](#) from 01:26 to the end.

Questions

Why were the Vikings a threat to the Anglo-Saxons?

When did they invade Britain in large numbers?

What did the Anglo-Saxons call the Viking force?

Main Event

The Vikings took over some of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms from AD 865 to AD 878. Today you will learn about Alfred the Great and how he dealt with the Viking threat.

Look at the *Speech bubbles sheet* Record your ideas in the appropriate speech bubble after each clip.

- Play link: [BBC Teach - KS2 History](#) to 01:24. Imagine you are Anglo-Saxons present at the meeting and discuss how you feel about Alfred becoming King of Wessex. Record any ideas in the speech bubble.
- Play the link: [BBC Teach - KS2 History](#) from 01:24 to 02:38. Discuss with a partner how Alfred's advisors felt in AD 878 when the Vikings attacked Wessex and record your ideas.
- Play the link: [BBC Teach - KS2 History](#) from 02:38 to 4:39. Discuss how Alfred's followers felt about the victory and then record your ideas.
- Play the link: [BBC Teach - KS2 History](#) from 04:39 to the end. Discuss if you think Alfred was 'great' and add your opinions on this to your final speech bubbles. Give reasons to justify this.

Plenary (Wrapping Up)

You will create a 'primary sources' (in the form of a drama) from the time of King Alfred. Imagine you are Alfred's close advisors and produce a drama using the following questions as prompts:

- How did you feel about Alfred becoming king?
- What did you think of Alfred's victory at Eddington?
- Was Alfred great? Why / why not?