

## 2. PIRATES

The Vikings were pirates, but instead of just attacking ships, they raided other countries looking for treasure, crops or farm animals to steal.

When the sea was rough it would take days to cross from Viking lands to England and Scotland.



They sailed in longships, which were flat-bottomed boats, so when the Vikings had crossed the sea they could sail up shallow rivers to attack monasteries and villages.



Viking longships were also called 'Dragon Boats'.