

The Viking Norse

This map shows the areas where the Vikings lived, traded, or raided at different times:

About 750 CE



About 950 CE

About 850 CE



About 1050 CE

1. Draw a line around Viking territory in 750CE. Shade the area inside this line a dark color.
2. Draw a line around Viking territory in 850CE. Shade the area inside this line a medium color.
3. What two modern countries were not (NOT) part of the Viking "domain" about 850 CE?
CIRCLE: Denmark Italy Norway Spain Sweden

Around the year 800, the Vikings learned how to build ships that could go on rivers and cross the open ocean. With these ships they could trade (or raid) all around Europe.

4. What political or economic conditions made places in Europe especially vulnerable to Viking raids at this time?
5. What ideas or inventions helped Europeans become better at defending against raids?

