



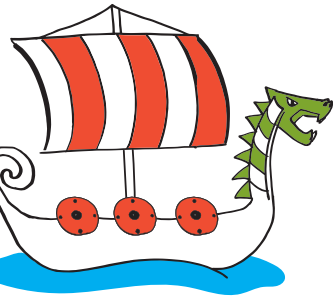
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DISCOVER WATLINGTON VIKING HOARD

To start this activity
go to gallery 41
(England 400–1600)
and seek out the
hoard in its own case

Imagine hearing the 'beep, beep' of a metal detector, digging carefully in the soil and finding treasure! This is what happened to detectorist James Mather in October 2015. James had discovered a hoard in an Oxfordshire field, probably buried by Vikings over 1000 years ago. At this time the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings were fighting for land and power and famous King Alfred the Great was King of Wessex.

An amazing discovery! This special collection of over 200 coins and other precious objects is helping historians understand this mysterious and dramatic chapter of British History.



Have a go at our activity over
the page to find out more

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Find these objects then draw a line to match them with the right facts



COIN SHOWING TWO EMPERORS OR KINGS

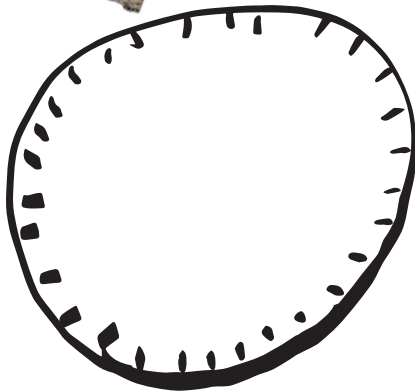
JEWELLERY

STICKS OF SILVER, CALLED 'INGOTS'

CHOPPED UP JEWELLERY, CALLED 'HACK SILVER'

CHOPPED UP JEWELLERY, CALLED 'HACK GOLD'

This is very rare in Viking hoards.



The coin with two Kings might be a clue that King Alfred and King Ceolwulf II had teamed up against the Vikings. If you were King or Queen, who would you choose to fight alongside you?

Design your own coin to show this

Now it's your turn to draw your own hoard – choose your favourite treasures from around this gallery

