

Comprehension Raid on Lindisfarne

1. When did the Viking raid on Lindisfarne happen?
2. Where exactly was the monastery at Lindisfarne?
3. What is meant by these words:
'devastated' 'marauding'
4. Who was St Cuthbert? Do you think he was important?
Give 2 reasons from the text?
5. Why were the Vikings able to attack the monks at the monastery so easily?
Give 2 reasons from the text.
6. Brother Simeon describes the Viking attackers as having:
"polluted feet"
What do you think is meant by this phrase?
7. What did the Vikings do to the monks? Give details from the text.
8. How did Alred feel? Give reasons for your opinion.
9. What were the ignored warning signs?
Why do you think people of the time would have been worried?
10. Why is 'watchful' an appropriate word?