



## Year 5 Lady of the Mercians

### Key vocabulary

Vikings	group of people from Scandinavia who raided and invaded Britain
ingots	melted down bars of gold and silver used for trade
crypt	burial chamber, usually for important people
Great Heathen Army	an army of Vikings, led by three sons of Ragnar Lodbrok and larger than anyone had seen before, that came to conquer Britain
martyrdom	dying for a cause or idea that you believe in
King Edmund	king of East Anglia who was defeated in battle, captured and killed - he later became Saint Edmund
Aethelred	King of Wessex
Aethelflaed	wife of Aethelred who would become the Lady of the Mercians
Guthrum	Danish warlord who led the Viking army of 871
Fortify	to make a place stronger and more difficult to attack
burh	an Anglo-Saxon fortification or fortified settlement

Manuscript from the  
Lindisfarne gospels



Image of King Alfred at the  
Battle of Ashdown



A 14th Century picture of  
Aethelfled



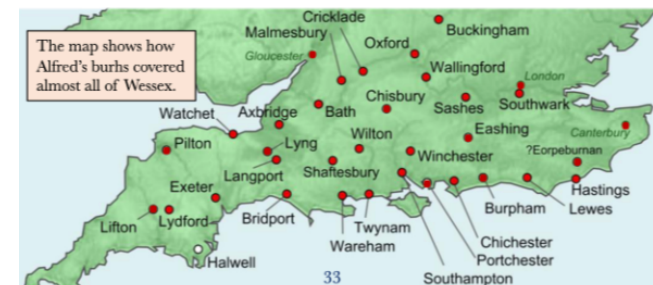
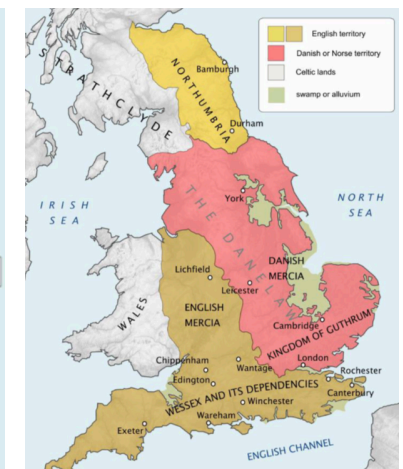
## Anglo - Saxon homeland in relation to Britain



### The journey of the Great Heathen Army



### Map of the Danelaw



The burhs  
Alfred  
used to  
defend  
Wessex