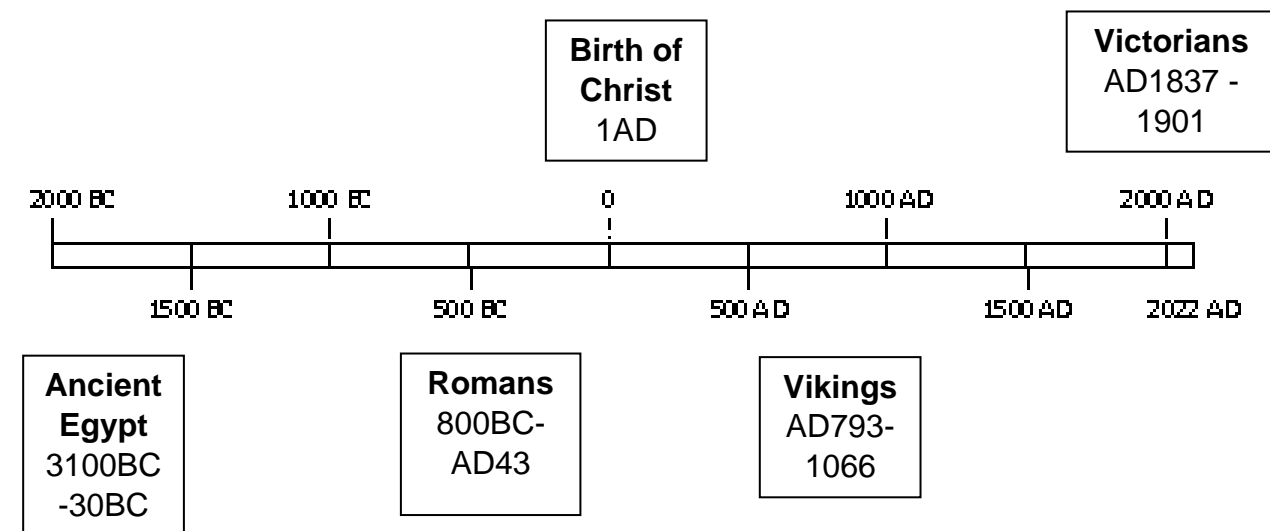


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## Section 1 – Chronology

Chronology is the method used to order time and to place events in the sequence in which they occurred. Events can be sequenced on a timeline, although events are not linear—some things happened at the same time.

We categorize the past into different time *periods*. Historians use dates and phrases to mark the passing of time. AD is an abbreviation for Anno Domini which is used to refer to a year after Jesus Christ was thought to have been born.



## Section 2 – Sources of Evidence

We can learn about the past by interpreting evidence. Sources of information can give us evidence. History is continuously being rewritten because of gaps in evidence.



**Primary sources** are immediate, first-hand accounts of a topic, from people who had a direct connection with it and can include newspaper reports, diary entries, photographs and letters written at the time.

**Secondary sources** present, interpret and analyse primary sources. Secondary sources may contain pictures, quotes or graphics of primary sources. They also include school textbooks, teachers, TV programmes and websites.

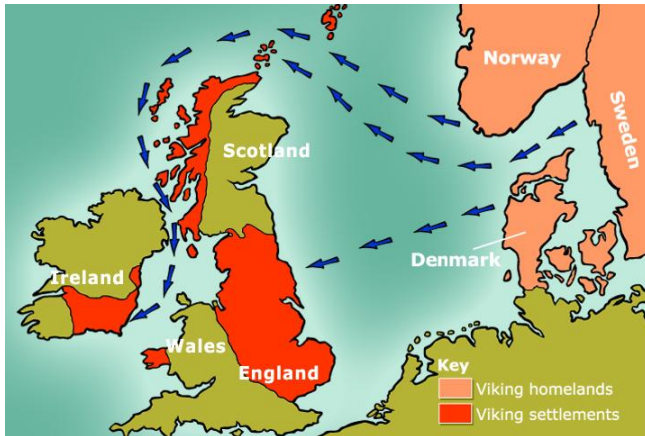
A **reliable source** is one that provides a thorough, well-reasoned theory, argument, discussion, etc. based on strong evidence. Reliable sources are often written by experts who have carried out fair research. There are reasons why a source might be unreliable. Historians always question how reliable and useful the evidence is.

**Bias** means having an unfair or unbalanced opinion. Some historical sources may be biased against the Vikings if they were written by people with strong views that differed greatly to the Vikings' views.

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### Section 3 – Vikings

The Vikings were famous for sailing huge distances from their homes in Scandinavia between AD793 and 1066 to raid and plunder (steal), but they also traded with people from other countries.



The raid on Lindisfarne marks the start of the Viking migration from Scandinavia in AD793. We are able to learn more about the way of life of the Vikings because of excavations that have discovered buried artefacts from the Viking period.

### Section 4 – Safe computing

Internet safety is important to consider as we use the internet regularly for work, education and leisure.



When collecting information from the internet, we need to question the accuracy of the information regularly. Information can easily be presented in a biased way, sometimes even when the author does not intend this.

Ways of ensuring that information is accurate include making sure that you use reliable and trusted websites (for example, the BBC website); and checking information in several places before assuming that it is correct.