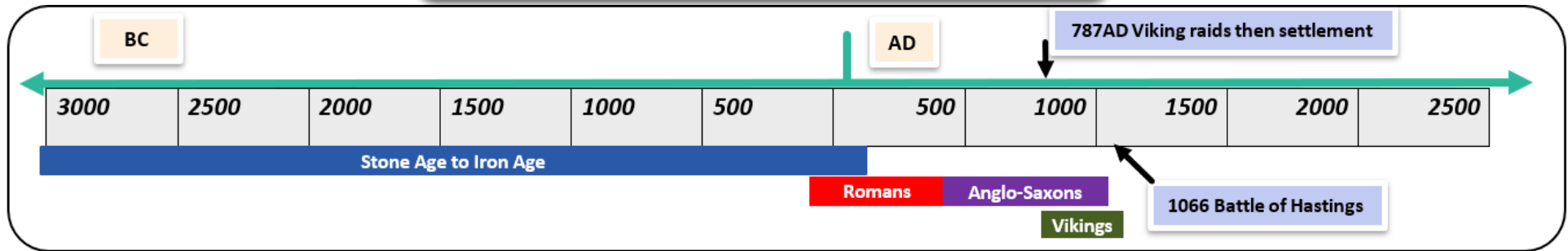


The Vikings



Key Vocabulary

Viking	Viking means 'pirate' or 'raider';
Looted	the act of stealing, or the taking of goods by force
Rural	countryside areas, usually focused on farming
Settlers	people who go to live in a place, with the aim of staying there permanently
Overpopulation	When too many people live in a location and resources can't be sustained.
Invader	Invaders are people who use force to enter a place and take over
Saga	a story that tells a heroic adventure
Interpretation	a description or explanation of something in the past based on sources of evidence
Migrate	to move from one place to another
Raid	To enter a place by force to steal something

General Knowledge

- Vikings came from Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden, Denmark).
- Vikings settled in many places, not just in Britain.
- They mainly settled in **rural** areas in the East of England as these were the first places they encountered.
- We know about Vikings by studying archaeological remains, studying the Viking **sagas** and reading written accounts.
- Vikings **migrated** from their homeland for a number of reasons.
- Some included push factors – where they came from was overpopulated and there was not enough food.
- Pull factors included wealth and a better climate.

DID YOU KNOW?

Although Viking means 'pirate' or 'raider' not all Viking people were raiders; many were farmer, traders or craftspeople.

