Objectives Section 5

History at key stage 2

The Invaders: The Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings Section 5: Who was King Alfred and why was he called 'Alfred the Great'?

Lesson Objectives	Learning Outcomes
 To find out about the life of King Alfred. To know how King Alfred defeated the Vikings. To understand why Alfred was called 'Alfred the Great'. 	 Children will be able to say who King Alfred was and what happened to him when the Vikings invaded Britain. Children will be able explain how Alfred defeated the Vikings. Children will decide whether Alfred deserved the title 'great'.

Additional notes: Alfred the Great

Alfred is remembered as the greatest Anglo-Saxon king. He defeated the Vikings at the Battle of Edington. All of the English saw him as their king. He made good laws, rebuilt churches and monasteries destroyed by the Vikings and had books written in English. For his achievements he is the only English king to be called 'great'.

