

WHO WERE THE VIKINGS?

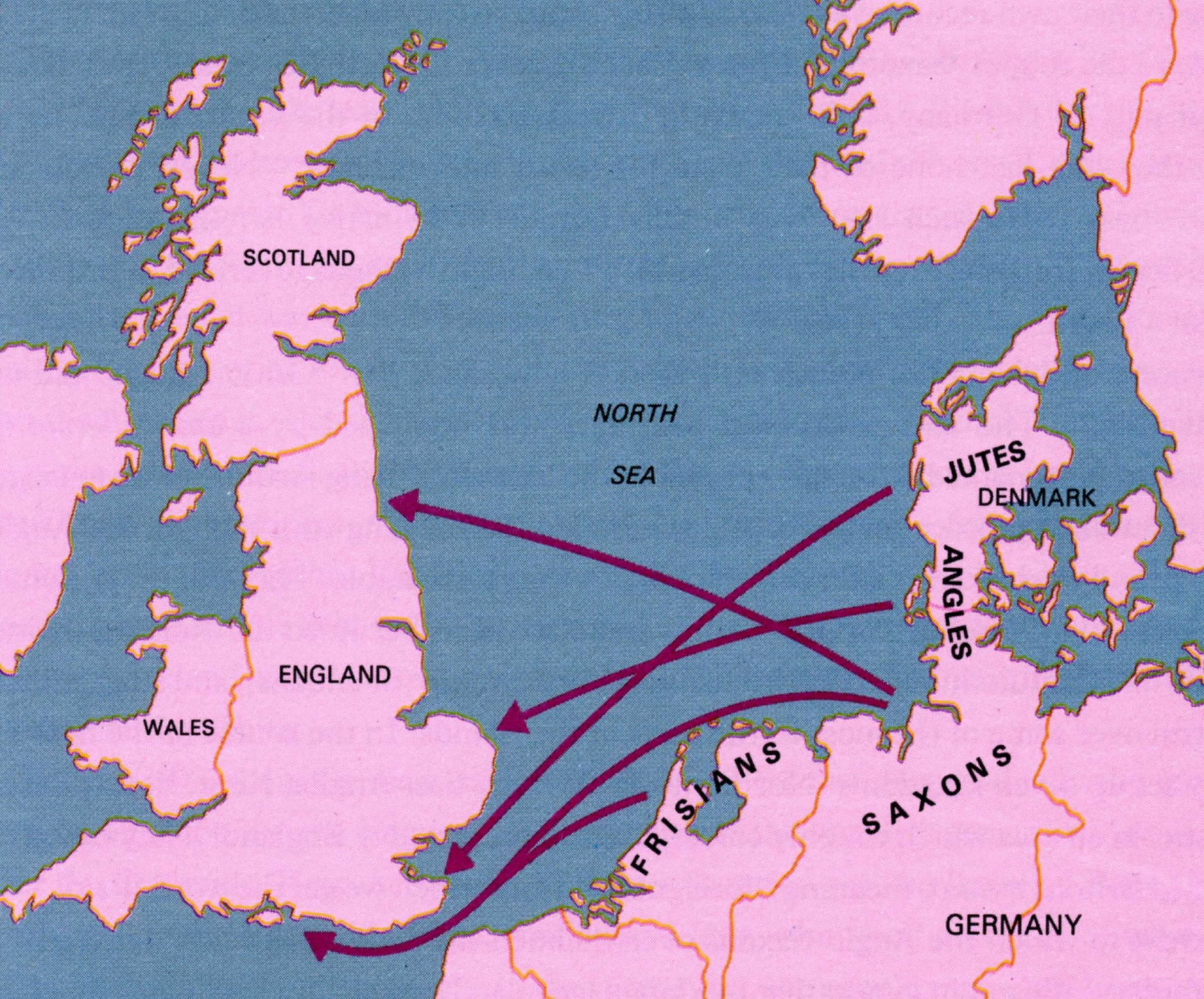




THE VIKINGS WERE PEOPLE WHO LIVED LONG AGO IN SWEDEN, NORWAY AND DENMARK.



MOST VIKINGS LIVED ON FARMS IN HOUSES MADE OF WOOD, STONE OR BLOCKS OF TURF.



THE VIKINGS CAME TO ENGLAND IN SEARCH OF TREASURE AND WEALTH IN 865.

THEY DESTROYED MONASTERIES AND KILLED MANY MONKS TO GET TO THEIR GOLD.

THE VIKINGS WERE GREAT WARRIORS. THEY USED SPEARS AND SHIELDS IN BATTLE.



THEY CAPTURED MOST OF THE NORTH OF ENGLAND. THE ONLY PART NOT WON WAS WESSEX.



THEY HAD THEIR OWN ALPHABET CALLED RUNES. THESE SYMBOLS WERE CARVED ONTO STONE.

THE VIKINGS HAD THEIR OWN RELIGION AND WORSHIPPED THEIR OWN GODS.



THE MOST POPULAR GOD WAS THOR. THOR RULED THE SKIES, STORMS AND THUNDER.



**YORK – OR JORVIK – WAS THE MAIN VIKING TOWN AND STILL HAS A VIKING THEME TODAY.
WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR WON ENGLAND IN 1066,
ENDING THE VIKING ERA IN ENGLAND.**