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Viking Raids and Invasions: Shaping Europe's Destiny

Short Answer Key

1. Viking raids disrupted coastal communities by creating fear, uncertainty, and the abandonment of some settlements.
2. Viking invasions led to political changes in England, including the establishment of the Danelaw.
3. The Norman Conquest of England was led by descendants of Viking settlers in Normandy, France, marking a significant Viking impact on English history.
4. The Vikings' presence in North America, specifically in Newfoundland, Canada, is considered one of the earliest instances of European exploration in the New World.
5. The Vikings contributed to cultural exchange and linguistic influence through their interactions with other cultures, introducing Old Norse words into English.

