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Viking Raids and Invasions: Shaping Europe's Destiny

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Viking raids created fear and uncertainty due to their swift and brutal nature, as well as their ability to reach unsuspecting settlements. Coastal communities lived in constant dread of Viking incursions, leading to disrupted lives and the abandonment of some settlements.
2. The Norman Conquest had a significant impact on English history, as it led to Norman rule in England and the establishment of William the Conqueror as King. This event marked a turning point in English history and had connections to Viking ancestry through the Normans, who were descendants of Viking settlers in Normandy.
3. Answers will vary, but students may discuss motivations for exploration such as trade, resource gathering, or curiosity. Interactions with indigenous peoples could involve peaceful exchanges or potential conflicts.
4. The Viking legacy is a complex one, encompassing both ruthless raiding and contributions to cultural exchange and exploration. It reflects the multifaceted nature of historical events and their long-lasting effects on different regions and cultures.

