



DO IT NOW:

How many  
adjectives can  
you think of to  
describe this  
man?

# What made King Alfred the Great so great?

IDENTIFY who King Alfred was

EXPLAIN what sources tell us about King Alfred

ASSESS how great King Alfred was

- Alfred was born in AD849 and died in AD899. He became king of all England in AD871. His elder brothers had each been king in turn before him.
- King Alfred fought the Vikings and he managed to make peace with them so that English and Vikings settled down to live together. He encouraged people to learn and he tried to govern well and fairly.
- King Alfred was advised by a council of nobles and Church leaders. The council was called the Witan. The Witan could also choose the next king. Alfred made good laws. He had books translated from Latin into English, and translated some himself.

## QUESTIONS

1. In what year did Alfred become King of England?
2. What did Alfred do to the Vikings?
3. What did Alfred encourage people to do?
4. What powers did the Witan have?

IDENTIFY who King Alfred was



# Learning Check



True or False?

ALFRED BECAME KING IN  
AD871.





True or False?

ALFRED WAS NOT ABLE  
TO MAKE PEACE WITH  
THE VIKINGS.





True or False?

ALFRED TOLD PEOPLE  
THAT THEY DID NOT  
NEED TO LEARN  
ANYTHING.





True or False?

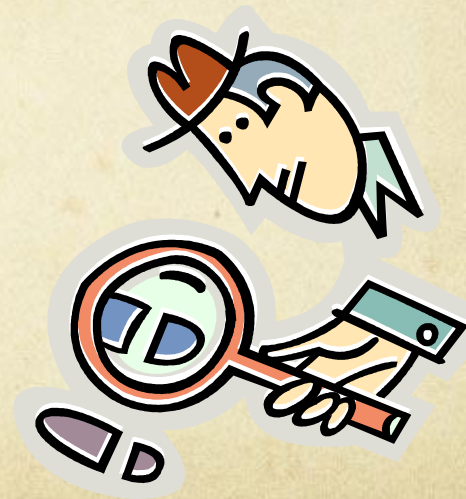


THE WITAN HAD THE  
POWER TO CHOOSE THE  
NEXT KING.





Being a historian is like being a detective...we have to look at lots of different evidence to discover facts and reach a conclusion.



EXPLAIN what sources tell us about King Alfred

# INFER

Infer means to hint at something.



What can we  
infer about the  
man in this  
source?

EXPLAIN what sources tell us about King Alfred

# TASK

| <u>Evidence</u>                                                                                                                       | <u>What we can infer from this</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| In 887 AD, Alfred began to translate writings from Latin into English as he believed that everyone should be able to understand them. |                                    |
| In 875 AD, he was the first king to defeat the Vikings at sea. This made him the founder of the Navy.                                 |                                    |
| Aged 4, Alfred went to Rome to meet the Pope.                                                                                         |                                    |
| In 878 AD, he won the Battle of Edington. After, the Vikings agreed to leave.                                                         |                                    |
| After losing to the Vikings, he hid in Somerset and gathered his army to face them once more.                                         |                                    |
| He captured London from the Vikings in 886 AD and began to rebuild it.                                                                |                                    |
| As king, Alfred created burhs (fortified towns) to protect his people from the Vikings.                                               |                                    |

Read the evidence about King Alfred.

What can you infer from the evidence about King Alfred?

*(What clues does the evidence give you about what King Alfred was like?)*

EXPLAIN what sources tell us about King Alfred

# What made Alfred the Great so great?

*King Alfred had lots of qualities that made people think he was “great”.*

*One thing he did was... This suggests that King Alfred was...*

*Another thing King Alfred did was... This suggests that Alfred was...*

*A final thing King Alfred did was... This suggests he was...*

**ASSESS how great King Alfred was**

# PEER ASSESS

WORK ETHIC:

Use the information on the back of your book to give them a work ethic grade.

WWW:

What have they done well in their answer?  
Have they included facts? Detail from the evidence?

EBI:

What could they do better next time? Use more detail? Quote from the source?

ASSESS how great King Alfred was

| <u>Evidence</u>                                                                                                                      | <u>What we can infer from this</u>                                                                                                        |
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| In 887 AD, Alfred began to translate writings from Latin into English as he believed that everyone should be able to read and write. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Values education</li> <li>• A kind and considerate leader</li> <li>• Forward thinking</li> </ul> |
| In 875 AD, he was the first king to beat the Vikings at sea. This is why he is known as the founder of the Navy.                     |                                                                                                                                           |
| Aged 4, Alfred went to Rome with his father to meet the Pope.                                                                        |                                                                                                                                           |
| In 878 AD, he won a huge battle at Edington. After, the Vikings agreed to live in peace.                                             |                                                                                                                                           |
| After losing to the Vikings in 877 AD, he hid in Somerset and gathered a large army to face them once more.                          |                                                                                                                                           |
| He captured London from the Vikings in 886 AD and began to rebuild it.                                                               |                                                                                                                                           |
| As king, Alfred created burhs (fortified towns) to protect his people from the Vikings.                                              |                                                                                                                                           |