

Alfred the Great

Alfred was a king who lived in England over a thousand years ago. He ruled a place called Wessex, in the south of England. Alfred was very brave and fought against fierce warriors called Vikings, who came from countries far away across the sea. The Vikings kept attacking England and taking things from people.

Alfred worked hard to protect his people. He built strong walls around towns and created a navy — a group of ships — to stop the Vikings at sea. Alfred also believed that everyone should have the chance to learn to read. He wanted children and grown-ups to go to school. Because of all the great things he did, people called him "Alfred the Great." He is the only English king ever to be called "the Great."

Questions

1. What was the name of the place Alfred ruled?
2. Where is Wessex — in the north or south of England?
3. What were the fierce warriors who attacked England called?
4. Where did the Vikings come from?
5. What did Alfred build around towns to protect people?
6. What is a navy?
7. What did Alfred want everyone to have the chance to do?
8. Who did Alfred want to go to school?
9. What special name did people give Alfred?
10. Why do you think Alfred is called "the Great" and not just "Alfred the King"?



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