

King Alfred and King Athelstan

Fact Cards

Read the fact cards to see whether they are about King Alfred or King Athelstan. Cut out the facts and stick them onto the correct poster. When you have finished, you should decide, between King Alfred or King Athelstan, as to which you think was the greatest king and explain why.

In AD 927, Athelstan won back the kingdom of York from the Vikings.	King Alfred made the Viking King Guthrum become a Christian and Alfred baptised him.
In AD 886, Alfred made a deal with the Viking King Guthrum and gave the Vikings an area of land called Danelaw.	The 5 kings of Wales also agreed to pay tribute (money) each year to King Athelstan.
King Alfred fought to keep British control over Wessex, West Mercia and Kent.	In AD 878, King Alfred defeated the Vikings at the Battle of Edington.
King Athelstan also had strong links with religious leaders and he founded many churches.	In AD 937, Athelstan fought at the Battle of Brunanburh to stop an invasion by the Scottish king.
King Alfred is credited with being the first Anglo-Saxon king to defeat the Vikings in battle and buy the people of Britain some peace for them.	During his reign, Athelstan drove the Vikings back more and was able to have control over a greater area of land.