
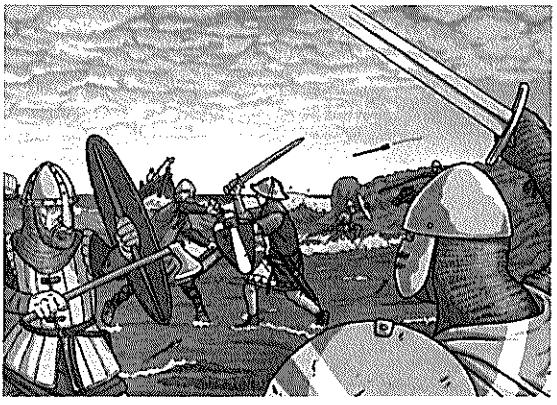


The Battle of Largs

What was the Battle of Largs?	The Battle of Largs was the last battle fought between the Vikings and Scots. It is important in Scottish history because it was the last Viking raid on Scotland mainland.
Where did it happen?	The Battle of Largs took place in Largs, Scotland. Largs is now a small coastal town on the west coast of Scotland. 
When did it happen?	It happened on 2nd October 1263, over 400 years after the Viking's first invasion in AD 793.
Who fought in the battle?	The battle was fiercely fought between King Alexander III's army of Scots and King Haakon's army of Norway's Viking warriors. 
Why were they fighting?	In September 1263, King Haakon ordered his army of Vikings to invade Scotland to stop King Alexander III gaining control of the Western Isles. However, when the Norsemen were travelling to Scotland, their longships were caught in a terrible storm. They were forced to go ashore in Largs. When King Haakon sent men to look for the lost ships, they met the Scots who were ready for battle.
Which side won the battle?	It is unclear who won the battle because men on both sides were killed or wounded. The Vikings fled back to Norway with all of their longships and the Scots regained their land.