

The Battles of Alfred

An Interpretive map on the war between Anglo-Saxons and the Danes.
Based upon the readings of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle and the teachings of Professor Johan Sommerville (UW-Madison)

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- 866-Viking Army Lands in East Anglia, takes York in the same year
- 868-Viking force moves into Mercia and takes Nottingham
- 870-Vikings move south into Wessex and attack and fortify Reading
- 871-Battles at Reading, Ashdown, Basing, and Merton
- 871-Alfred becomes King of Wessex after his brothers death
- 871-In his first battle as King, Alfred, loses at Wilton
- 872-Alfred pays off the Danes in exchange for a promise of not attacking Wessex for 5 years
- 872-Vikings destroy Northumbrian uprising and build a new fort at Lindsey
- 873-Viking force returns to Mercia and takes Repton
- 874-King of Mercia dies at the hands of the vikings, who now control Mercia
- 875-The Danes return to Wessex and take Wareham 100 plus Dane ships sit of the coast
- 876-Viking forces move to Exeter, the ships stay in Wareham
- 876-A freak storm destroys the Viking fleet allowing Alfred to march towards Exeter
- 876-Alfred forces the Viking leader Guthrum to surrender
- 877-Vikings move north into Gloucester
- 878-The Danes return and destroy Chippenham forcing Alfred into exile
- 878-Alfred returns with an army and destroys the Great Heathen Army at Edington
- 878-Peace terms allow Danes to live north of the line between London and Chester
- 885-Another group of Vikings arrive at Rochester which holds off the Danes until Alfred arrives
- 886-Alfred captures London and returns it to Mercian hands
- 892-A large Viking fleet arrives in Appledore and another at Milton
- 893-Alfred's son attacks the Appledore vikings at Farnham they flee to the north and get caught at Thorney
- 893-East Anglian Vikings raid Exeter but are forced to leave by a force of Mercians
- 894-Siege of Thorney ends and Vikings retreat north to Chester
- 895-Vikings fight back Alfred from a fort on the River Lea
- 896-Vikings give up raiding English towns



	Important Viking Victory
	Viking Victory
	Important Anglo-Saxon Victory
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	Point of Interest