

Alfred the Great  
{or was he?}



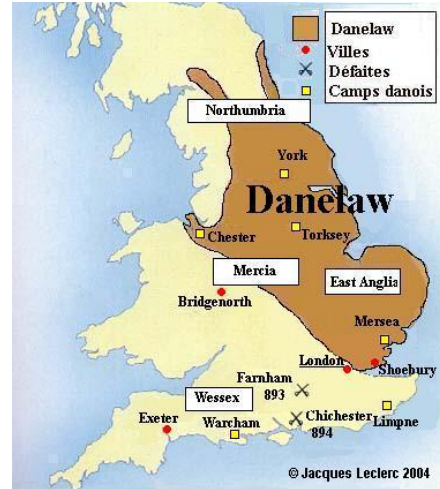
# Fact Files



Alfred was King of Wessex from 871-899. He was an Anglo-Saxon king born in 849. He successfully defended his kingdom against the Vikings.

He was the youngest son of Aethelwulf. Even though he was the frail and sickly brother he was the one to survive and be king.

In 871, Alfred's brother Aethelred- the king- was killed in a battle with the Vikings. Alfred became king. For many years he fought the Vikings before they finally made peace. They agreed that the vikings could have the land on the east side of Britain. This was called the Danelaw.



# Main Facts and what made him great!

- He is the only English ruler to be called “The Great”.
- Alfred captured London in 886 and rebuilt it.
- Legends says he snuck into a Viking war camp disguised as a minstrel to spy on them!
- Coins called him “the king of the English”
- He translated books from Latin so that people could read them.
- He started an age of knowledge for the English.
- He united the people of England.
- Alfred was a great leader in battle and an even better peacemaker.
- His greatest achievements were being the founder of schools and he rebuilt lots of the monasteries.
- He also built forts and created a strong navy.
- Another thing is that he introduced a code of law to make life fairer,





# Pictures



# Alfred is great!!!

Now you know who Alfred is and why he is great

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