

Social studies

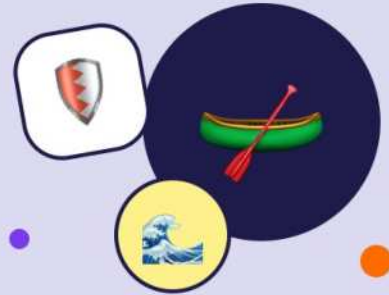
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Life in the Viking age

Discover how Vikings lived, travelled and traded.



I can describe everyday life in the Viking age.



1



Viking facts

Use the word bank to complete each sentence.



WORD BANK

longships

farmers

runes

trade

1. Most Vikings were _____ who grew crops and kept animals.
2. Vikings sailed across the sea in _____.
3. They wrote with letters called _____.
4. Vikings travelled far to _____ furs, silver and amber.

2

**Myth or fact?**

Circle the right answer.

1. Vikings came from Scandinavia.
2. Viking helmets had horns.
3. Vikings reached North America.
4. All Vikings were warriors.

True

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3

**Viking words**

Match each word to its meaning.

☐

Longhouse

☐

Rune stone

☐

Thing

☐

Jarl



A meeting where free people

- A. made laws and settled disputes.

- B. A large house where a family lived with its animals.

- C. A powerful leader or chief.

- D. A stone carved with writing to remember someone.

4

**Word hunt**

Find the Viking words in the grid.

W	S	R	N	H	P	W	H	W	F
S	D	H	F	A	R	M	U	N	R
I	N	G	I	V	T	Y	E	W	F
L	W	J	V	P	C	H	G	I	F
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FIND THESE WORDS

- ☐ Viking
- ☐ Ship
- ☐ Rune
- ☐ Odin
- ☐ Thor
- ☐ Silver
- ☐ Farm

5

**A trading trip**

Number the steps from 1 to 5.

☐

Trade the furs for silver and glass beads.

☐

Load the longship with furs and walrus tusks.

☐

Sail home before the winter storms.

☐

Sail across the sea.

☐

Arrive at a busy market town.

6

**Pick the answer**

Circle the right answer.

1. When was the Viking age?

A about 100 to 300

B about 800 to 1050

C about 1500 to 1700

2. Which Norse god carried a hammer?

A Odin

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3. Who sailed to North America around the year 1000?

A Leif Eriksson

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C Gorm the Old

4. What was a Viking sail usually made of?

A plastic

B wool

C paper

7

**Then or now?**

Write each word in the right box.

smartphone

car

runes

longhouse

electric light

longship

Viking age

Today

8

**What do you think?**

Would you have liked to live in the Viking age? Why or why not?

How did it go?



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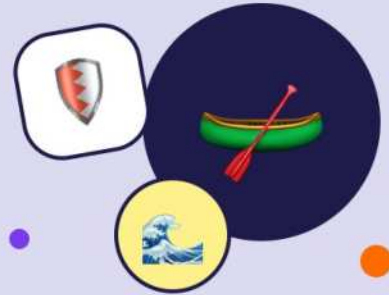
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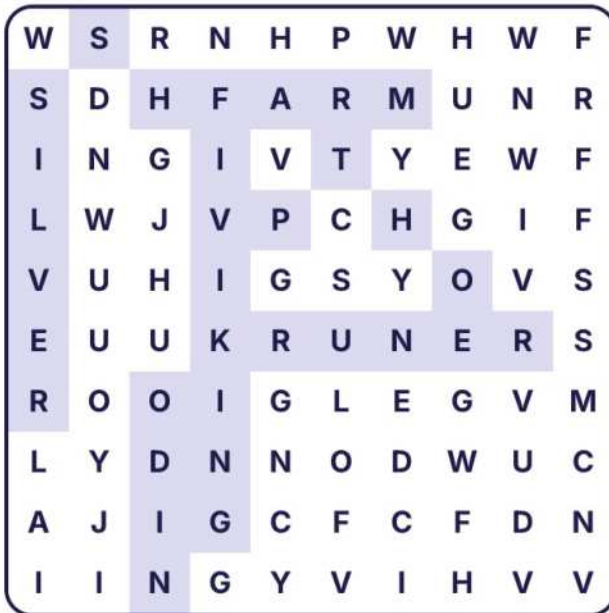
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