

Vikings

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Fun Facts about Vikings

- The Vikings were the first to sail on the American continent!
- They landed on the shores of Canada on around 1000 AD!
- They hunted and skied for fun.
- Vikings didn't wear horned helmets.
- Vikings had Tweezers, Tooth Picks, Combs and Ear Cleaners!
- They believed the World was flat and surrounded by Sea.
- Long ships were the fastest and strongest Viking ship.
- The weapons used were Axes, Swords, Saxons and Spears.

More Facts

The vikings lived in Sweden, Denmark and Norway

The Saxons lived in England - they moved when the Romans left.

Vikings raided Saxon England.

Vikings wanted more land

The monasteries were an easy way to get rich quick on treasure and slaves.

Little sword because sword was useless.

Drank skulls from enemies

982 Erik the red discovers Greenland

Viking Harold the Godwinson attacked York and dies.

Legends

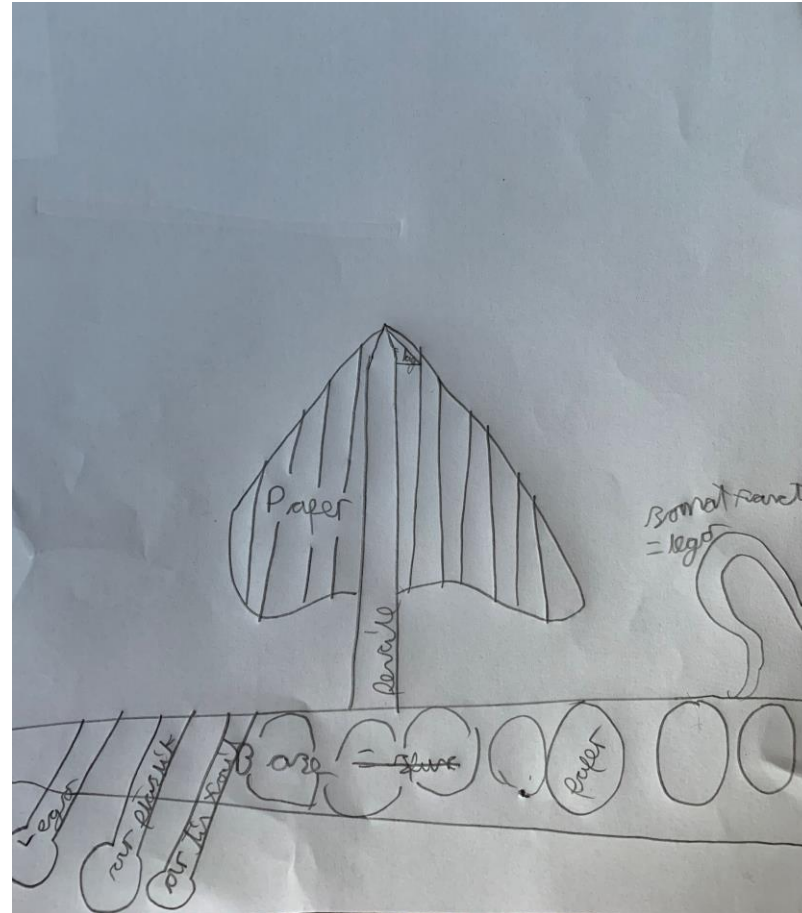
First man and woman came from Surtur over giants

The clouds are giant's breath

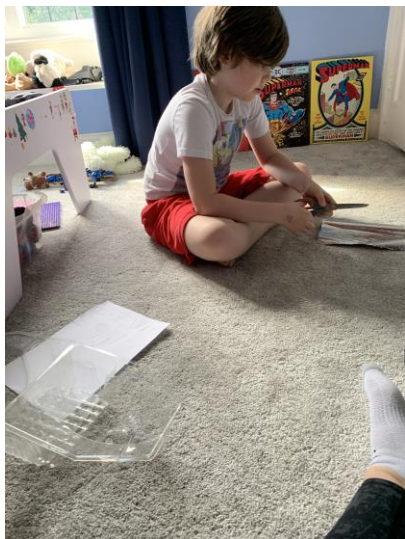
Snatched statue because no rebar

First to inhabit the British Isles were the Britons

My diagram of a Viking ship



Me making a Viking ship



Viking Names

You can tell that Vikings had originally found the place you live in because it will end with 'by' 'Thorpe' (or thorp or throp or trop) or 'toft'. For example...

- Sower**by**
- Barl**by**
- Willer**by**
- Sel**by**
- Wether**by**
- Scun**thorpe**
- Lowest**toft**
- Hems**by**
- Der**by**
- Cor**by**
- Conings**by**

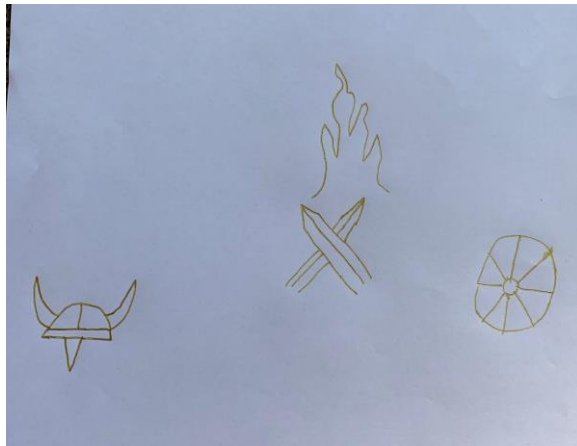
Viking food

The Vikings ate all sorts of food some of them are...

- Seagull
- Goose
- Hare
- Seal
- Boar
- Walrus
- Moose
- Whale
- Polar Bear
- Horse

Clothes

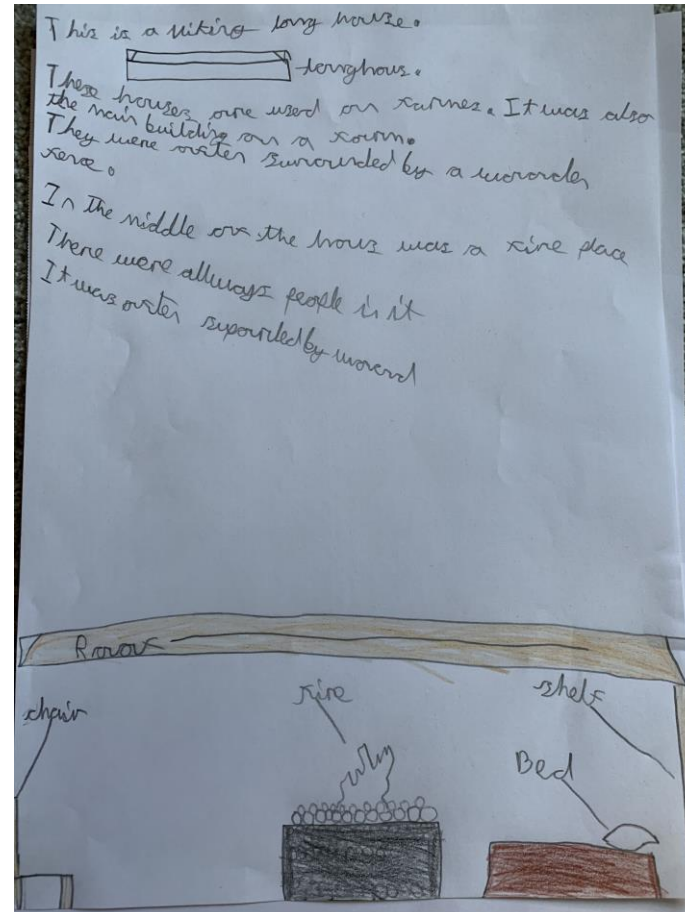
- Leather shoes.
- Beads, Necklaces and Rings.
- They were made from wool, linen and animal skins.
- Men wore Tunics and trousers.
- Woman wore a long dress with a pinafore over it.



Religion

- The Vikings believed in Norse gods and Christianity

Diagram of a Viking House



School work

1. When did the Vikings first invade Britain? Can you work out how many years ago this is?
2. Where in Britain did the Vikings first invade?
3. When did the Great Viking Army first invade England? Can you work out how many years this was after their first invasion of Britain?
4. What was the Viking name for York?
5. What happened at the Battle of Ashdown?
6. When did the Vikings first settle permanently in England? Explain what 'settle permanently' means.
7. What was Danelaw?
8. Who was the last Viking king of York?
9. How many years after the first Viking invasion of Britain did King Canute capture the English crown? Explain what 'capture the English crown' means.
10. How many years ago did Edward the Confessor become king?

$$1,793 - 1227$$

2. Northumbria

$$3,865 - 2,092$$

4. York

5. King Ethelred and his brother desecrated the Vikings

$$6,870 - 1227$$

7. Eastern England

8. Erik Bloodaxe

9. 221 - they stole it

$$10,978$$

Why did the Vikings invade Britain?

Why did the Vikings travel to Britain?

The Vikings travelled thousands of miles across the sea from their homeland of Scandinavia where they were farmers, fishermen, seafarers and traders.

Better land

Most Vikings were simply searching for better land for their farms. Their land was not very good for growing crops or rearing animals:

- ☐ Norway was very hilly.
- ☐ Sweden was covered in forests, and
- ☐ Denmark had a lot of sandy soil.

More Land

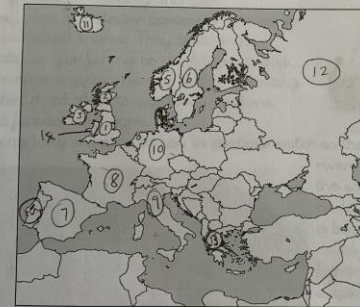
Some historians believe the Vikings left their homes because of over crowding. There was not enough good land for everyone to share. In a Viking family only the eldest son inherited the family farm so younger brothers had to make their living elsewhere.

Treasures

The Vikings searched for treasures to make them rich. Britain was particularly a good place to raid, as there was much to steal. The Vikings were attracted by the wealth of the Monasteries and the easy treasure to be found within.

Because they had bad soil and it was over crowded.

Where did the Vikings come from?



1. England

2. Scotland

3. Ireland

4. Denmark

5. Norway

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6. Sweden

7. Spain

8. France

9. Italy

10. Germany

11. Iceland

12. Russia

13. Greece

14. Wales

15. Portugal

Quiz Questions

- What did Vikings do with skulls of their enemies?
- Where did the Vikings live?
- Where did the Vikings raid?
- Why did they have little food?
- When did they discover Greenland?
- Where did the first man and woman come from ?

Quiz Answers

- Drank out of them.
- Sweden Denmark and Norway.
- Saxon England
- Because soil was useless.
- 982
- Giants armpit