

Viking Voyagers with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand where the Vikings came from, why they travelled, and how they lived during the Viking Age.

Read each question carefully and use your historical knowledge to provide detailed answers. Remember, Ellie the Elephant is looking for clear, well-explained facts!

Ellie the Elephant has been reading about the Viking Age, which lasted from roughly AD 793 to 1066. The Vikings travelled from their homelands in the north to trade, explore, and farm across Europe and beyond. Their clever boat designs and farming skills helped them build new lives in different lands.

Word bank: Scandinavia · longship · raid · settlement · Danelaw · longhouse · trade

1. The Vikings travelled to Britain from three main countries in Scandinavia. Can you name these three modern-day countries? (3 marks)

2. Describe one reason why the Vikings were able to travel such long distances across the sea. What was special about their ships? (2 marks)

3. Vikings lived in buildings called longhouses. Explain two features of a Viking longhouse that helped a family survive the winter. (2 marks)

4. The Vikings were not just raiders; they were also skilled at trading. List two items they might have brought to Britain to trade with local people. (2 marks)

5. If a Viking trader sold a hand-carved wooden bowl for £4.50 and a piece of amber jewellery for £7.25, how much money did they make in total? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a Viking longship on the sea. Include details like a dragon-head carving on the prow, a colourful striped sail, and shields lined up along the side of the boat.



Extension challenge: Research the 'Danelaw'. Write a short paragraph explaining what it was and why it changed the map of England during the Viking Age.