

Ellie's Viking Voyage: Sorting the Settlement

Learning objective: To understand the reasons for Viking settlement in Britain and identify key aspects of their daily life and culture.

Ellie the elephant has been reading ancient scrolls about the Vikings. Help her sort these statements into the correct categories: 'Reasons for Invading' or 'Daily Viking Life'. Write the number of each statement into the correct column in the table below.

Word bank: Longships · Land · Farming · Trade · Trade routes · Raiding · Settlement · Craftsmanship

1. 1. Vikings travelled across the sea in longships to find better land for farming. 2. Many Vikings were skilled metalworkers and made beautiful jewellery. 3. They wanted to discover new trade routes to sell their goods. 4. Vikings built homes and settled in Britain to grow crops. 5. Some Vikings arrived to take precious items from monasteries. 6. They loved to share stories and poetry by the fire in the evenings. Create a table with two columns: 'Reasons for Invading/Settling' and 'Daily Viking Life'. Place the numbers 1-6 in the correct category. (6 marks)

2. If a Viking trader sold a handmade silver brooch for £4 and a woven woollen blanket for £3, how much did they make in total? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Vikings chose to settle near rivers or the coast? Think about what Ellie knows about maps and travel. (2 marks)

4. True or False: Vikings only came to Britain to fight. Explain your reasoning using one point from the sorting activity. (2 marks)

5. Name one tool or object that a Viking farmer might use that would still be recognisable to a farmer today. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a Viking longship arriving at a British coastline. Make sure to include a carved dragon head on the front of the ship and a striped sail.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Viking explorer. Write three sentences in your diary about what you hope to find when you land in Britain, and what you plan to trade with the local people.