

Viking Explorer Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe key aspects of Viking life, including their settlements, beliefs, and methods of travel.

Use your history books and classroom resources to help Ellie the Elephant research the Vikings. Fill in each section below to create your own Viking Fact-File. Be sure to check your spelling and use clear, historical facts.

Word bank: Longship · Norsemen · Scandinavia · Raiding · Trade · Runes · Longhouse · Settlement · Mythology

1. Origins: Where did the Vikings come from and what were their homes called? (2 marks)

2. The Longship: Why were these ships so important for Viking travel and exploration? (2 marks)

3. Daily Life: Describe what Vikings did for work, such as farming or trading. (2 marks)

4. Beliefs: Mention one Norse god or goddess and explain what they were known for. (2 marks)

5. The End of the Era: Why did the Viking Age eventually come to a close? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Viking trader arriving in Britain for the first time. Write three sentences in your book describing what you see, hear, and smell when you step off your longship.