

Viking Voyager Explorer Profile

Learning objective: To analyse the lifestyle, values, and impact of the Vikings through the perspective of an original historical character.

Imagine you are a Viking living in the 9th century. Use this template to document your identity, your daily responsibilities, and your views on the world. Use the word bank to help you describe your life accurately. Be sure to justify your choices based on your historical research.

Word bank: Longship · Danelaw · Settlement · Raiding · Trade · Norse mythology · Runes · Agriculture · Fjord · Craftsmanship

1. Character Identity: Describe your name and your primary role in the Viking community (e.g., farmer, shipbuilder, trader). Why was this role essential for your village's survival? (3 marks)

2. Daily Life: Explain the daily chores or tasks you perform. Compare and contrast how your life might differ in winter compared to the summer months. (3 marks)

3. The Longship: Justify why the longship was the most important invention for Viking exploration and trade. What features made it so effective? (4 marks)

4. Beliefs and Culture: Explain what role Norse mythology or the writing of runes played in your daily life. How did these beliefs influence your decisions? (3 marks)

5. Conflict and Settlement: Describe a time your village had to move or negotiate. What might happen if your settlement failed to find fertile land or successful trade routes? (4 marks)

6. Legacy: If you were to leave a message carved in a stone for future generations, what would you want them to know about the Viking way of life? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short, persuasive speech from the perspective of an explorer trying to convince your village elders to set sail for new lands. In your speech, use evidence to explain the benefits of exploration versus the risks involved. Consider: What resources do you hope to bring back, and how will this change the status of your family in the community?