

Viking Life: A Historian's Report

Learning objective: To describe the way of life of the Vikings, including their settlements and daily activities.

Use this writing frame to help Ellie the elephant research and record facts about the Vikings. Use the word bank to help you link your ideas together.

The Viking Age was a fascinating period in history that began in the late 8th century, when people from Scandinavia travelled across the sea to explore and settle in new lands.

Word bank: Furthermore · In addition · However · Consequently · During the Viking Age · Settlements · Longships · Skilful craftspeople · Raiding and trading · On the other hand

1. Where did the Vikings come from and why did they travel in their longships? Start by writing: The Vikings originally sailed from... (2 marks)

2. What was daily life like in a Viking settlement? Consider their homes and jobs. Start by writing: Life in a Viking village was often busy because... (3 marks)

3. What did the Vikings eat and how did they gather their food? Start by writing: Most Viking families relied on farming and... (2 marks)

4. What skills or crafts were the Vikings famous for? Start by writing: The Vikings were incredibly talented at... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Why do you think the Vikings are still remembered in history today? Start by writing: In conclusion, the Vikings left a lasting legacy because... (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Viking trader. Write a short diary entry describing one item you are taking to a market to trade and how much you hope to sell it for in Viking silver coins.