

Vikings: Raiders, Traders, and Settlers

Learning objective: To recall key facts about Viking society, exploration, and their influence on Britain during the Anglo-Saxon period.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a historical journey! Use your knowledge of the Viking Age to complete this quick quiz. Read each question carefully and select the best answer or provide a short, accurate response.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Lindisfarne, 4.B, 5.True, 6.Longship, 7.A, 8.False, 9.Longhouse, 10.B. Greater Depth Reasoning: The Danelaw was an area of northern and eastern England where Viking laws were followed rather than Anglo-Saxon laws, showing how culture and language merged over time.

Word bank: Longship · Danelaw · Lindisfarne · Scandinavia · Norse · Settlement · Raids · Longhouse

1. 1. Where did the Vikings originate from? A) France B) Italy C) Scandinavia D) Greece* (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Vikings were only interested in fighting and did not trade or farm. (1 mark)

3. 3. In 793 AD, the Vikings famously attacked a monastery on which island? (1 mark)

4. 4. What was the primary purpose of a Viking longship? A) Fishing B) Raiding and trading C) Luxury travel D) Deep sea diving* (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Viking women had more rights than many other women in Europe at the time, such as the ability to own property. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the name of the narrow, shallow-draught vessel that allowed Vikings to navigate rivers as well as the open sea? (1 mark)

7. 7. What was the 'Danelaw'? A) An area in England under Viking law B) A type of Viking sword C) A feast day D) A Viking school (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Vikings wore large, horned helmets into every battle. (1 mark)

9. 9. What was the name of the large, rectangular building where Viking families lived together? (1 mark)

10. 10. Which of these items would a Viking trader likely bring to Britain? A) Plastic B) Amber and furs C) Modern coins D) Printing presses (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a detailed cross-section of a Viking longship, labelling the mast, the sail, and the dragon-headed prow.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the design of the longship was so vital to the Vikings' success as explorers. 2. Compare and contrast the lives of a Viking farmer and a Viking warrior. 3. Justify your answer: Was the arrival of the Vikings in Britain more of a destruction or an opportunity for cultural growth? 4. What might happen if the Vikings had never settled in Britain? 5. Analyse how Viking place names (ending in -by or -thorpe) still influence the map of Britain today. 6. If you were a Viking explorer, what three items would you pack for a voyage across the North Sea and why?