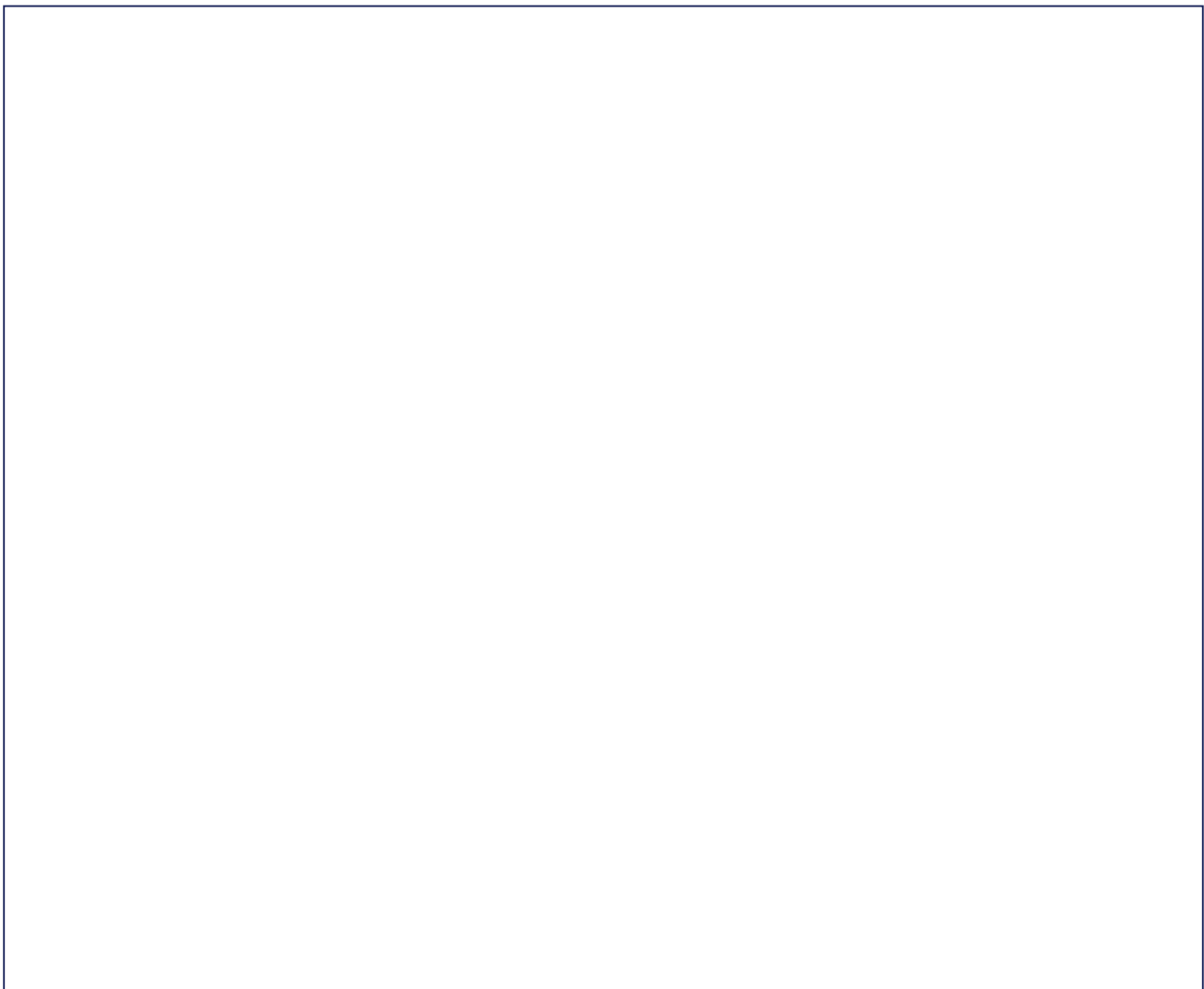


Viking Life: A Day in the Settlement

Learning objective: To understand the structure and daily life of a Viking settlement by creating an annotated historical drawing.

Use the historical information you have learned in class to help Ellie the elephant construct a scene of a Viking village. Draw your village in the box provided, ensuring you include the key features listed in the word bank. Once your drawing is complete, use the labels to explain how the Vikings used these items to survive.

Draw: Draw a panoramic view of a Viking settlement. In the background, include a deep fjord with a longship moored at the shore. In the foreground, draw a large, rectangular longhouse with a thatched roof and a small wattle-and-daub fence. Include a small garden plot and a blacksmith's forge with a plume of smoke. Use a detailed, sketch-like style with clear labels pointing to each element.



Label words: Longhouse · Longship · Thatch · Fjord · Blacksmith · Farming plot · Runestone

Steps:

1. Explain why Viking longhouses were built with curved walls and high, thatched roofs.
2. Label your drawing to show where the blacksmith would work. Why was metalwork essential for a Viking community?
3. Compare and contrast the Viking longship to a modern boat. What features made the longship unique for

its time?

4. Justify your answer: If you were choosing a site for a Viking settlement, why would you choose a location near a fjord?
5. What might happen if a Viking settlement did not have access to a reliable water source or fertile land?
6. Design a Viking pattern to decorate your longhouse. Describe the inspiration behind your chosen shapes or symbols.