

The Viking Age: A Scholar's Reference Mat

Learning objective: To master advanced historical vocabulary and analyze the impact of Viking raids and settlements in Britain.

Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to explore the complex world of the Norse people. Terms are grouped by Social Structure, Maritime Technology, and Settlement & Conflict.

Longship A shallow-draught vessel designe...	Drakkar A 'dragon-ship' often featuring a car...	Navigation The art of determining position a...
Raiding Sudden, fast attacks on coastal mo...	Danelaw The area of Northern and Eastern ...	Settlement The process of establishing a pe...
Trade The exchange of goods, such as furs,...	Mercenaries Skilled soldiers hired by foreign...	Earl (Jarl) A powerful nobleman or chieftain...
Thing A governing assembly where free peo...	Thrall A person who was enslaved, performi...	Runes An ancient alphabet used by the Nor...
Saga Long, detailed stories passed down thr...	Valhalla The majestic hall in Asgard where ...	Norse The people from Scandinavia who sp...
Scandinavian Relating to the region of Nor...	Odin The chief god in Norse mythology, ass...	Explain why the ...
Compare and con...	Justify whether t...	What might have ...
Analyze the impo...	Imagine you are E...	