

Vikings: Raiders and Traders Quiz

Learning objective: To assess knowledge of Viking life, their raids, and their settlement in Britain.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a historical journey! Read the questions carefully and test your knowledge of the Viking Age. You have 10 marks to earn!

Answer Key: 1. A (Scandinavia), 2. True, 3. Lindisfarne, 4. C (Longship), 5. False (They were also farmers and traders), 6. B (Runes), 7. A (North Sea), 8. True, 9. 793 AD, 10. C (King Alfred the Great).

Word bank: Longship · Lindisfarne · Danelaw · Scandinavia · Settlement · Rune

1. 1. Where did the Vikings originally come from? A) Scandinavia*, B) North Africa, C) Australia, D) The Americas (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Vikings were known for their expert shipbuilding skills. (1 mark)

3. 3. In 793 AD, which famous monastery in North-East England was raided by the Vikings? (1 mark)

4. 4. What was the name of the Viking ship designed to travel in both deep oceans and shallow rivers? A) Canoe, B) Raft, C) Longship*, D) Submarine (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: All Vikings were warriors who spent every day fighting. (1 mark)

6. 6. What was the name of the Viking alphabet? A) Hieroglyphics, B) Runes*, C) Latin, D) Braille (1 mark)

7. 7. Which sea did the Vikings cross to reach Britain? A) North Sea*, B) Pacific Ocean, C) Mediterranean Sea, D) Indian Ocean (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: The 'Danelaw' was an area of Britain where Viking laws were followed. (1 mark)

9. 9. In which year did the Viking Age in Britain famously begin with the raid on Lindisfarne? (1 mark)

10. 10. Which Anglo-Saxon King is famous for defending his kingdom against the Vikings?
A) King Arthur, B) King Henry VIII, C) King Alfred the Great*, D) King George (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a Viking longship sailing on the sea. Make sure to include a striped sail and a carved dragon head on the front of the ship!



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Viking trader. Write a short diary entry (50-80 words) describing the items you have brought to sell, such as furs, amber, or silver, and how you feel about arriving in a new land.