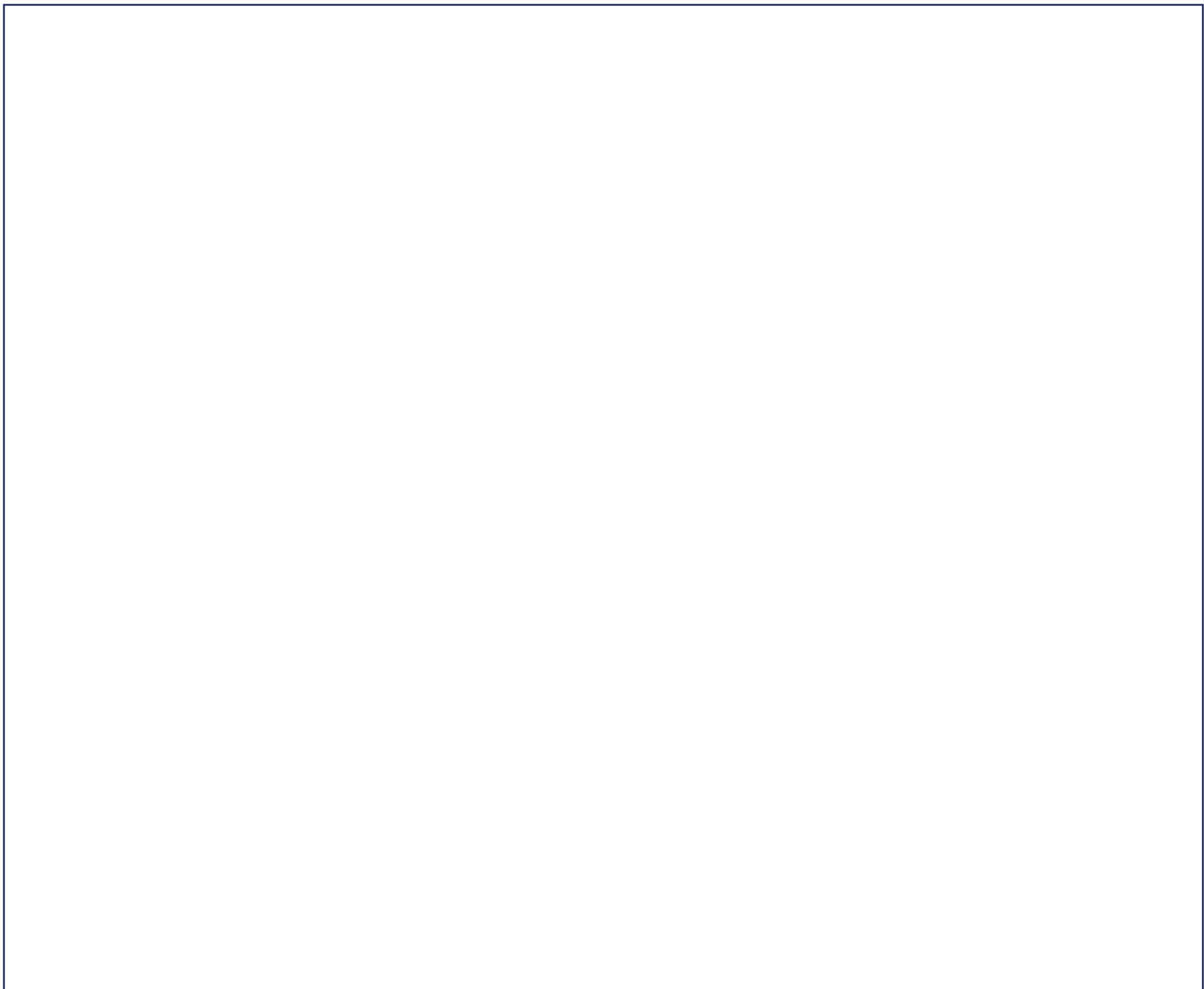


## Viking Life: A Window into the Past

*Learning objective: To understand the structure of a Viking longhouse and the daily life of a Norse settler.*

Use the drawing prompt to illustrate a Viking settlement scene. After your drawing is complete, label the key features using the provided word bank. Ensure your labels are clear and placed accurately near the relevant parts of your illustration.

**Draw: Draw a detailed scene of a Viking settlement set against a coastal backdrop. Include: 1) A large, curved 'longhouse' with a thatched roof. 2) A 'longship' docked at the nearby fjord edge. 3) Small details like a smoking hearth chimney, piles of firewood, and rocky terrain. Use a sketch style that shows the texture of the wooden walls (wattle and daub). Ensure there is space around the drawing to add your labels clearly.**



*Label words: Longhouse · Thatch · Wattle and daub · Longship · Fjord · Hearth · Gable*

### Steps:

1. Label three distinct features of the Viking longhouse you have drawn and explain why each was essential for survival in a cold climate.
2. Explain why Vikings chose to build their settlements near fjords or rivers. Justify your answer using your knowledge of trade and travel.
3. Compare and contrast the materials used in a Viking longhouse (wattle and daub) with the materials used

to build your own home today.

4. What might happen to the internal climate of a longhouse if the central smoke hole in the roof became blocked? Explain your reasoning.

5. If you were a Viking settler, what one item would you consider the most valuable to trade? Justify your choice.

6. Describe the social role of the hearth within the longhouse. How did it act as a central hub for the family?