My Viking Explorer Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe key aspects of Viking life, including their homes, journeys, and daily activities.

Imagine you are a historical investigator helping Ellie the elephant learn more about the Vikings. Use your research skills to fill in the sections below. You can use your history textbook or class notes to help you find the information. Remember to write in clear, full sentences.

Word bank: Longship · Scandinavia · Settlement · Raiders · Farmers · Trade · Runes · Norse

1. Origins and Homes: Where did the Vikings originally come from, and what was their main type of housing like? (2 marks)

2. The Longship: Why were Viking longships so important for their travels and how were they designed to move? (2 marks)

3. Daily Life: Besides raiding, what were the most common jobs that Viking men and women did to survive? (2 marks)

4. Beliefs and Writing: What were the special symbols called that Vikings used for writing, and how do we know about their gods? (2 marks)

5. Historical Impact: Give one example of how the Vikings changed life in Britain after they settled here. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: If you were a Viking explorer, what three items would you pack in your wooden chest for a long journey across the sea? Explain why you chose each item.