Viking Voyagers with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about Viking life, settlements, and exploration in the context of the UK National Curriculum.

Read the questions carefully and use your historical knowledge to answer. Ellie the Elephant is ready to check your memory!

Answer Key: 1. A (Scandinavia), 2. B (Longship), 3. True, 4. False (They were also farmers and traders), 5. Lindisfarne, 6. Runes, 7. B (To carry goods and travel on shallow rivers), 8. A (The Danelaw), 9. False (They used oral storytelling and sagas), 10. Longhouse.

Word bank: Longship · Danelaw · Lindisfarne · Scandinavia · Raiders · Settlers · Farming · Runes

1. 1. Which region of Northern Europe did the Vikings originally come from? A) Scandinavia*, B) The Mediterranean, C) North America, D) Africa. (1 mark)

2. 2. What is the name of the famous Viking boat used for travel and raids? A) Submarine, B) Longship*, C) Ferry, D) Raft. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Vikings were known for their skill in navigation and shipbuilding. (True/False) (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: All Vikings were warriors who did nothing but fight. (True/False) (1 mark)

5. 5. What was the name of the monastery in England attacked by Vikings in 793 AD? (1 mark)

6. 6. What were the letters of the Viking alphabet called? (1 mark)

7. 7. Why were Viking longships designed with flat bottoms? A) To look pretty, B) To travel in shallow water*, C) To sleep in, D) To fly. (1 mark)

8. 8. What was the name given to the area of England ruled by Viking laws? A) The Danelaw*, B) The Viking Zone, C) Northumbria, D) Mercia. (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Vikings wrote all their history down in textbooks just like we do today. (True/False) (1 mark)

10. 10. What was the name of the large, rectangular wooden house where Viking families lived? (1 mark)

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

Extension challenge: Ellie the Elephant wants to know: If you were a Viking settler arriving in a new land, what three items would you bring with you to start a farm and why?