Viking Life: A Historian's Report

Learning objective: To understand and describe the daily life and journeys of the Vikings.

Use this writing frame to help Ellie the Elephant record what she has learned about the Vikings. Use the word bank to help you join your ideas together.

The Vikings were a group of people who travelled across the sea from Scandinavia to settle in new lands over a thousand years ago.

Word bank: furthermore · meanwhile · in addition · consequently · long ago · on the other hand · settlers · longships · raiders · skilled

1. The Viking Longships: Describe what the longships were used for and why they were so special. Start your paragraph with: The Viking longships were... (2 marks)

2. Daily Life and Farming: What did Viking families do to survive? Start your paragraph with: Life on a Viking farm was... (2 marks)

3. Crafts and Skills: Explain what the Vikings made or built. Start your paragraph with: The Vikings were very talented at... (2 marks)

4. Viking Beliefs: Tell us about the gods they worshipped. Start your paragraph with: The Vikings believed in many different gods, such as... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Why do we still remember the Vikings today? Start your paragraph with: We remember the Vikings today because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a diary entry from the perspective of a Viking explorer seeing the British coastline for the first time.