



Year 5: Vikings

Spring



Key Questions

1. Who are the Vikings?
2. Where are the Vikings from?
3. Where is Scandinavia? What is it like?
4. Why did the Vikings leave Scandinavia?
5. Were the Vikings successful in invading England?
6. Were the Vikings raiders?
7. Who were the famous Viking leaders and explorers?
8. Where did the Vikings settle?
9. How did the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons struggle?
10. Who was Edward the Confessor?
11. How did the Vikings change history (socially)?
12. What did the Vikings believe in?
13. What are Viking longships?
14. How can I sketch a Viking longship?
15. How can I make a replica Viking longship?
16. How can I make a Viking collage?

Vocabulary

continent Europe leave settle emigrate
 invade raiders fear battles success
 leaders explorers settlements location
 struggles history socially gods + goddesses

Curriculum Links

Art and Design—Sketching + Collages

- Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches and cross-sectional diagrams.
- Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work.
- Develop art techniques, including the use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art.

Design and Technology—Viking Longship

- Use research and develop design criteria to inform the design products that are fit for purpose.
- Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches and cross-sectional diagrams.
- Select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing], accurately.
- Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work.

English—Instructions

- Read and discuss non-fiction.
- In non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices
- Retrieve and record information from non-fiction.

National Curriculum

History

- Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
- Ask historically valid questions.
- Learn about Viking raids and invasion. Learn about the success of the Viking invasion.
- Develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of Britain, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study.
- Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
- Understand the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle to the time of Edward the Confessor.
- Begin to understand changes in an aspect of social history from the Anglo-Saxon to today.
- Know and understand the history of these islands as a coherent, chronological narrative, from the earliest times to the present day: how people's lives have shaped this nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world.
- Gain historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts.

Geography

- Locate some of the world's countries using maps to focus on Europe, particularly Scandinavia.





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Suggested Websites and Links

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>
from [bbc.co.uk/bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

<https://planbee.com/blogs/news/viking-facts-for-ks2-children-and-teachers>
from planbee.com

https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_history/british_history/_the_vikings/the_vikings.html
from School Learning Zone

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/vikings>
from [theschoolrun.com](https://www.theschoolrun.com)

<https://www.schoolsofkingedwardvi.co.uk/ks2-history-anglo-saxons-vikings-4a-viking-raids/>
from [the schoolsofkingedwardvi.co.uk](https://www.schoolsofkingedwardvi.co.uk)

<https://kids.kiddle.co/Vikings>
from Kiddle

<https://www.hobbycraft.co.uk/ideas/kids/how-to-make-a-viking-longboat>
from Hobby Craft

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory/vikings.shtml>
from BBC History

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/vikings/viking-longship/>
from DK Find Out

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0QnGvl3rJo>
Youtube Clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yx8vR9d5n6Q>
Youtube Clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kl4O02GmziQ>
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Suggested Activities

- Create a timeline about the emigration of the Vikings.
- Learn about the beliefs of the Vikings.
- Create a fact file about each different Viking God.
- Re-enact a Viking battle.
- Construct a Viking longship.
- Learn about Scandinavia, look at maps.
- Research Viking settlements.
- Create your own Viking settlement.
- Weave a cloth leather pouch.
- Make and host a Viking meal.
- Research Viking traders and routes—take part in a 'Vikings Dragon's Den' challenge.
- Learn about the Viking creation myth.
- Learn and create your own saga.
- Sketch a Viking longship.

Further Topics

- Research about the Anglo-Saxon and Viking battles.
- Learn about the Viking 'sites' in England.
- Comparing and contrast the UK and Scandinavia.

