



The Vikings

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Viking - Settlers

The name 'Viking' comes from a language called 'Old Norse' and means 'a pirate raid'. People who went off raiding in ships were said to be 'going Viking'. But not all the Vikings were bloodthirsty warriors.

Some came to fight, but others came peacefully, to settle. They were farmers, and kept animals and grew crops. They were skilful at crafting, and made beautiful metalwork and wooden carvings.

Vikings sailed the seas trading goods to buy silver, silks, spices, wine, jewellery, glass and pottery to bring back to their homes.



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Viking Traders

The Vikings traded all over Europe and as far east as Central Asia. They bought goods and materials such as **silver**, **silk**, **spices**, **wine**, **jewellery**, **glass** and **pottery**.

In return, they sold items like honey, bread, tin, wheat, wool, wood, iron, fur, leather, fish and walrus ivory.

Viking traders carried a set of **folding scales** which they used to weigh coins to make sure they got a fair deal.

Viking men were good at a skill called metal work which they used to create jewellery to sell.



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Viking Jewellery

Viking jewellery was beautifully made, using materials ranging from gold to simple animal bones. Both men and women loved wearing jewellery. They wore rings, brooches, bracelets and necklaces to show their status.



The poor made their jewellery from bronze or the bones of animals they ate for dinner, whereas the rich used precious silver and gold. Men wore a single brooch on their right shoulder, while women wore one on either shoulder to fasten their clothes.

The Vikings picked up fashions in jewellery from the countries they settled in and changed them to their own style. Many pieces of jewellery featured images of animals, particularly the twisting shapes of snakes.



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Task 1 - Viking Jewellery Brooch Making

What you will need -

- Cereal box/cardboard
- String or tissue paper
- Glue
- Scissors (adult support)
- Tin foil
- Sharpies or poster paint

Home learners

If you don't have what you need to make this then you can always sketch design a beautiful brooch idea to email in!

How to make your brooch

1. Draw and cut out a circle or oval shape from your cereal box or cardboard.
2. Use a piece of string or strips of tissue paper to create a pattern on your cardboard and stick it down with glue.
3. Get a square of tin foil (please get adult supervision for this) and cover all of one side in glue.
4. Stick down your foil over your string and cardboard making sure you push down all around the string so you can see the pattern through the foil.
5. Use your sharpies or poster paints to paint over the foil to show off the pattern you have created.
6. Optional - add sticker jewels for some bling!



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Task 2 - Vikings Character Design

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If you don't have a printer then make your own character profile sheet by hand!

To finish off this term we are going to put our Viking profile all together to see what character we have created!

You need to include your Viking's name, his brooch, sword handle and shield.

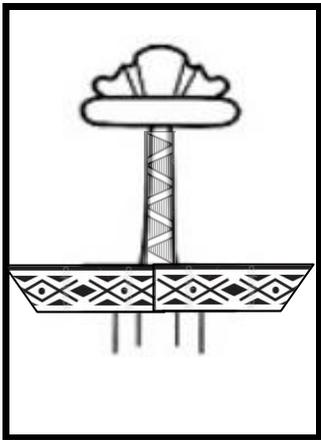
Check out the example on the next page of my final character and some authentic name ideas!



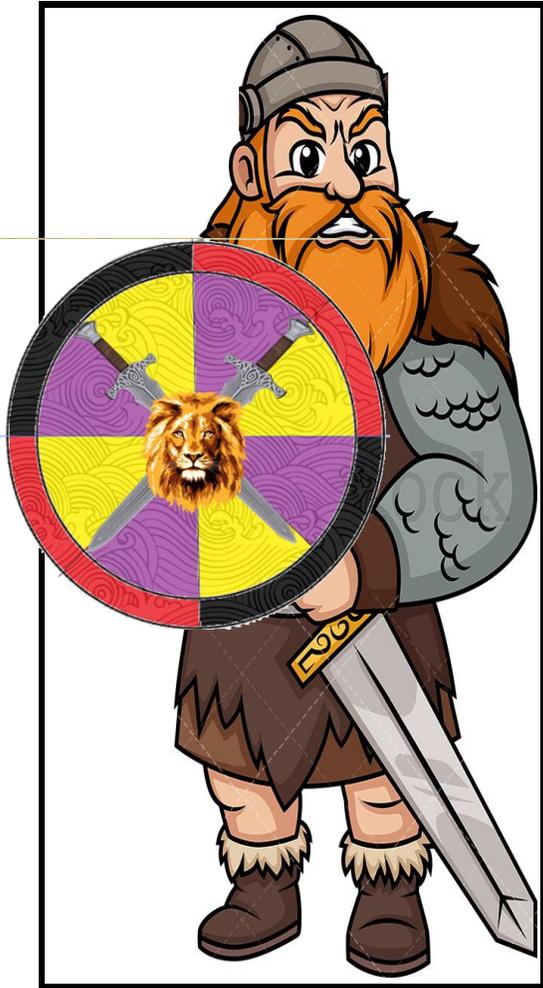
Frode the Viking



My brooch is made of silver.



My sword is called Tyrfingr



Male names from the Viking Age

Arne: eagle

Birger: keeper

Bjørn: bear

Erik: absolute ruler

Frode: wise and clever

Gorm: he who worships god

Harald: lord and ruler

Leif: descendant

Njal: giant

Roar: fame and spear

Rune: secret

Sten: stone

Sune: son

Troels: Thor's arrow

Toke: Thor and helmet

Torsten: Thor and stone

Trygve: trustworthy

Ulf: wolf

Ødger: wealth and spear

Åge: man that ploughs; ancestor

Female names from the Viking Age

Astrid: beautiful, loved

Frida: peace

Gertrud: spear

Gro: to grow

Estrid: god and beautiful

Hilda: the fighter

Gunhild: fight

Helga: sacred

Inga: of the god Inge

Liv: of life

Randi: shield or shrine

Signe: the one who is victorious

Revna: raven

Sif: wife and bride

Tora: of the god Thor

Tove: dove

Thyra: helpful

Thurid: Thor and beautiful

Ulfhild: wolf or battle

Åse: goddess

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Please complete this evaluation of your Viking character and what you've learnt this term in Art and D.T.

I hope you've enjoyed and have a good half term!

My Viking is called _____. He is a brave warrior that travelled over from _____.

He settled in a place called _____ and his skills include _____ and _____.

The sword that he has is called _____ which means _____.

My favourite part of this terms Art and D.T lessons was _____ because _____.

Next time I would do _____ differently because _____ and I would like to learn more about _____.