

Titel:

In the Viking Age

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Before Reading

Look at the cover and the contents page.

Discuss:

1. Which chapter title sounds most interesting?
2. What do you think you will learn about:
3. Vikings?
4. pets?
5. games?
6. runes?
7. Which chapter do you want to read first?

During Reading

After each chapter, answer:

What was the most surprising fact?

What new word did you learn?

Would this be normal today? Why or why not?

After Reading

Comprehension Questions

The Viking Age

1. When did the Viking Age take place?

2. Where did the Norse people come from?

3. What were Vikings famous for?

The Gods and the Realms

4. What was Earth called?

5. What was the realm of the gods called?

6. What was Yggdrasil?

Raiders, Traders and Explorers

7. What jobs did many Norse people have?

8. Why did Vikings go on raids?

9. Who was Leif Eriksson?

Going Berserk

10. What animals were some berserkers connected to?

11. How did wolf berserkers behave?

12. Where did stories say berserkers lived?

Pets of the Past

13. Why did Vikings keep dogs?

14. What dangerous pet did some Vikings keep?

15. What special animal did rich Viking rulers own?

Pretty Vikings

16. What did many Viking men want their hair to look like?

17. What did many Vikings carry with them?

18. What did some Vikings do to their teeth?

Squeaky Clean and Fire Starters

19. How often did Vikings bathe?

20. What did they use to clean their ears?

21. What mushroom was used to help start fires?

Playing Games

22. What dangerous swimming game did Vikings play?

23. What happened if you lost tug of war?

24. What did Vikings attach to their shoes to skate?

Runes

25. What were runes used for?

26. Who did Vikings believe discovered the runes?

27. Who could use runes to see the future?

Feasting Time

28. What building did feasts take place in?

29. What was flyting?

30. Why were animals sacrificed?

Kids Did What?

31. Who taught Viking children?

32. What skills did children learn?

33. What weapons were children taught to use?

Breaking the Law

34. Did Vikings have police?

35. What was an outlaw?

36. What could happen to an outlaw?

Battered and Bloody

37. What was a holmgang?

38. What did Vikings believe if you won a holmgang?

39. What was the blood eagle?

Activity 1 – Find the Fact

Find a fact about each topic.

Topic	Fact
Gods	
Pets	
Hair	
Games	
Runes	

Activity 2 – Match the Word

Match the word to its meaning.

word	meaning
1. afterlife	a. cut into shape
2. raids	b. surprise attacks
3. criminal	c. killed something in order to please a god
4. carved	d. someone who has committed a crime or broken the law
5. sacrificed	e. a place some people believe people go after they die

Activity 3 – My Favourite Viking Fact

Complete the sentences.

My favourite fact from the book was _____

I found it interesting because _____

It surprised me because _____