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I can consolidate my understanding about the Vikings by answering questions

Go through the attached Viking presentation with your child. At three points during the presentation there are some questions to be answered. Ask your child to answer these questions in their home learning books, using full sentences which include part of the question in the answer.

For example:

What weapons did the Vikings use?

The Vikings used the following weapons: swords, spears, axes and shields.

Answers (1)

1. Which monastery was attacked in 787AD?

The Vikings attacked Lindisfarne Monastery in 787AD.

2. Why did the Vikings invade?

The Vikings invaded because they wanted to steal gold and riches. They were not able to grow anything where they were from but could in England. Also it was much warmer in England which they preferred.

3. What was a longship made of and how was it powered?

The Viking Longship was mainly made out of wood although some metal was used. The sails were made out of cloth. Viking Longships were powered by the wind as well as by men rowing using oars when no wind was present.

4. Where did the Vikings come from?

The Vikings came from three countries in Scandinavia (Northern Europe): Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

5. What does the word Viking mean?

The word Viking means pirate.

6. Who settled in Greenland?

Eric the Red settled a new Viking colony in Greenland.

7. What is Rus called today?

Today Rus is called Russia.

8. Where else did the Vikings settle?

The Vikings settled in other countries including: Russia, America Normandy (France), Iceland and Greenland.

Answers (2)

1. What did the Vikings call long stories?

The Vikings called long stories sagas.

2. What were these stories supposed to teach?

Sagas were supposed to teach children: geography, history and navigation.

3. What is the Futhark?

The Futhark is the Viking alphabet.

4. Why were runes carved as straight lines?

Viking runes were made up of straight lines so that they were easier to carve into wood or stone.

5. What was Thor the god of?

Thor was the Viking god of thunder.

6. Who used to play tricks on the gods?

Loki was the god of trouble and mischief and he played tricks on the gods.

7. Which tradesman would make jewellery?

Viking blacksmiths made jewellery.

9. What could a brooch be used for?

A brooch could be used to fasten up tunics as the Vikings did not have buttons!

Answers (3)

1. Who ruled the Viking countries?

Viking countries were normally ruled by a king.

2. Who were the freemen?

Freemen were ordinary Viking craftsmen and farmers.

3. Where was the food stored?

The Vikings stored their food in barrels and boxes.

4. What was a 'smithy' used for?

The smithy was the place Vikings used for making and fixing tools and utensils made out of iron.

5. What was kept in the longhouse?

Vikings kept the following things in their longhouses: food, tools, clothes, weapons and often animals.

6. What were their houses made of?

Viking Longhouses were made out of planks of wood and branches. The roofs were made out of turf or thatch.

7. Give some examples of Viking weapons.

Vikings used different types of weapons such as: spears, shields, swords and axes.

8. How were the weapons made?

Viking weapons were made in the smithy by the blacksmith.