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## The Vikings Worksheet

Learn about the Vikings, their way of life and cultural achievements that shaped European history.

- 1. Who were the Vikings?
- 2. Where were the Vikings from?
- 3. Where did the Vikings' take their conquests?
- 4. Why did the Viking Age begin?
- 5. Where did Vikings live?
- 6. What was the social structure of Viking communities?
- 7. Who were the nobles?
- 8. Who were the freemen?
- 9. Who were the slaves?
- 10. Was there any social mobility in Viking communities?
- 11. What was the Thing?
- 12. What occupation did majority of Vikings engage in?
- 13. What trades did Vikings work in?
- 14. In large communities, what did most Vikings make their living as?
- 15. Who ruled the Viking family?
- 16. What rights did women have?
- 17. Who lived in a Viking household?
- 18. What did family honour mean in Viking society?
- 19. How were Vikings laid to rest?
- 20. What type of possessions were buried with a dead Viking?
- 21. What types of food did Vikings eat?
- 22. What did Viking men wear?
- 23. What did Viking women wear?
- 24. Describe a Viking's house?
- 25. Who were the most important gods in Viking religion?
- 26. What role did each of these gods play?
- 27. What was a popular pastime of Vikings?
- 28. What recreational activities did Vikings enjoy?
- 29. Why did the Vikings become a seafaring people?
- 30. What addition improved the sailing ability of Viking boats?
- 31. Describe a *knorrs*?
- 32. Describe a *long ship*?
- 33. How were the ships powered?
- 34. How did Vikings navigate across the seas?
- 35. What type of warriors were Vikings?
- 36. Who was the cruellest and most feared Viking warrior?
- 37. What strategies and tactics did Vikings employ in their conquests?
- 38. What were the targets of Vikings?
- 39. What weapons did Vikings use?
- 40. What did Vikings use to protect themselves in battle?

## To learn more about the Vikings see the *Related Information* tab located at the top of your screen.

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