

THE VIKINGS - KEY

1. What parts of Europe did the Vikings come from ? **Scandinavia**
2. When was the Viking Age ? **between about 700 and 1000 A.D.**
3. Why did many Vikings leave Scandinavia ? **They looked for other places to settle because their population was growing and they didn't have enough farmland**
4. There were three groups among the Viking population. What are they ? **nobles, merchants and slaves**
5. What did the Vikings grow on their land ? **fruits and vegetables; barley and oats**
6. What kind of animals did they raise ? **cattle, pigs, sheep and goats**
7. What kind of clothes did Vikings wear ? Describe ! **men wore trousers and a long-sleeved shirt; women wore dresses made of linen or wool . All Vikings wore leather shoes.**
8. What was the "hearth" for ? **keeping the house warm and a place to cook meals**
9. How did the Vikings bury their dead ? **in boats**
10. Why could Viking ships sail better than others ? **they put a keel at the bottom of a ship to keep it steady and more stable in the water**
11. What did Viking navigators use to find out which way they were going ? **they navigated by using the suns and stars, but also landmarks and the paths of birds and whales**
12. How did Vikings invade new places ? **they raided villages with warriors and disappeared a short time later**
13. What weapons did they have to fight with ? **axe, bows and arrows**
14. How did they defend themselves ? **with shields; they also wore a helmet for protection.**
15. Why did Erik the Red leave Norway and where did he go to ? **he had killed someone and went to Iceland.**
16. Who continued Erik's journeys ? **his son Leif Erikson**
17. Where did Leif Erikson land on his trip to the New World ? **a place he named Vinland, today's Newfoundland**
18. What did the natives grow there ? **they grew grapes and made wine**