



Choose the correct item:



Erik the Red

For the Vikings, the greatest achievement for any man was to do something great in their lifetime so that people remembered them after their death. To achieve this, some Vikings sailed the seas in search of treasure and new lands. One of the most famous Vikings is Eric Thorvaldson. He achieved fame as Erik the Red, the man who discovered Greenland.

Erik the Red lived between 950-1005 AD. He got his name from his bright red hair and beard, and his hot, fiery personality. For the first part of his life, Erik lived happily in Iceland. His adventures started in 981, when he had a fight with his neighbours and killed two men. Local people were very mad. They told Erik to leave the country for 3 years. Erik and his family had no choice. They left Iceland and sailed off into the huge Atlantic ocean.

Erik sailed west from Iceland to look for a new island to live on. However, he sailed so far that he discovered something amazing. A new country! Erik spent two years exploring the new country. The land was mostly covered in ice, but he found

a few green areas and decided to found a colony there. To begin his colony, Erik needed help. So, in 985, he returned to Iceland to tell people about his "wonderful" new land. Erik called his new land Greenland to make people think it was a nicer place to live than Iceland. Many people were interested in the new country. When Erik sailed back to Greenland in 986, 25 ships with 500 men and women and many animals went with him.

The Vikings started two colonies in Greenland. To survive, they farmed sheep and cows, hunted polar bears and whales, and traded whale bones and bear skins. Thanks to their farming and hunting skills the colonies grew and grew. By the year 1000, about 3,000 people lived in Greenland. For the next 500 years, Vikings lived in Greenland. Then, the Vikings left, and no one really understands why. But Erik the Red is still famous as the man who discovered and named Greenland!

1. Viking men wanted _____

1. to sail to Greenland.
2. to write lots of history books.
3. to find lots of ships.
4. to be famous after they died.

2. Eric left Iceland because _____

1. people didn't like his personality.
2. his family wanted to leave.
3. he killed some people.
4. he wanted an adventure.

3. Eric discovered _____

1. new islands to the west of Iceland.
2. a new country he could live in.
3. a wonderful new tribe of people.
4. a green area in the west of Iceland.

4. Eric went back to Iceland _____

1. to meet some interesting people.
2. to begin a colony there.
3. to buy animals.
4. to ask people to move to Greenland.

5. The colonies were successful because _____

1. the Vikings were great hunters and farmers.
2. they could grow a lot of food.
3. the villagers farmed wild animals.
4. 3000 people moved to Greenland.

6. It is a mystery why the Vikings _____

1. made Erik the Red famous.
2. had such big colonies.
3. moved out of Greenland.
4. named the country 'Greenland'.