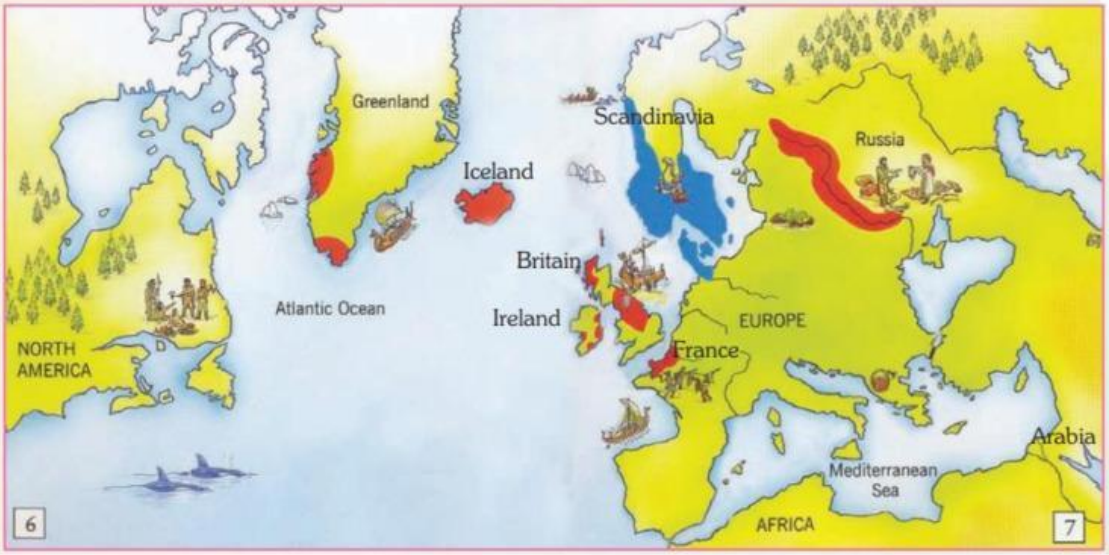
READING

EX 6. Read the text and decide if the statements below are T (true) or F (false).

THE VIKINGS

RAIDERS, TRAVELLERS OR BRAVE EXPLORERS?



The Vikings sailed the seas, attacked towns and stole treasures all over Europe between the years 800 and 1100. They started from Scandinavia and attacked many countries in Europe. They settled in Britain, Ireland and France. They also crossed the Atlantic Ocean and arrived in Iceland and Greenland. They discovered North America but they also travelled east to Russia and south to Arabia.

They were good farmers and excellent shipbuilders. They used their ships for wars. They also used them to carry people and goods to new lands. In winter, when there was not much farm work to do, they stayed at home and did other interesting jobs. Men made swords to use them in battles. The Vikings liked swords so much they often decorated themselves with gold and gave them names. Women cooked food and made clothes, shoes and jewellery for them, their children and their husbands. The Vikings believed in many gods and goddesses. Their favourite was Odin, the god of the dead!

In 866 the Vikings captured an Anglo-Saxon town. They called it Jorvik and it was the capital of the Viking kingdom for 200 years. They made Jorvik rich and one of the most famous cities in Britain. Some years ago, archeologists discovered part of that Viking town in York, the modern city of Jorvik. They found many things such as jewellery, coins and clothes. If you ever go to York and you want to travel back in time and see how the Vikings lived, visit the Jorvik Viking Centre!



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1. The Vikings were known for their sea voyages, attacking towns, and taking treasures across Europe from 800 to 1100.
2. The Vikings settled in Britain, Ireland, and Germany.
3. The Vikings discovered North America and traveled to Russia and Arabia.
4. The Vikings were poor farmers and average shipbuilders.
5. In 866, the Vikings seized an Anglo-Saxon town, naming it Jorvik, which served as the Viking kingdom's capital for two centuries.
6. The Vikings only believed in one god, Odin, the god of the dead.
7. Archaeologists found remnants of the Viking town in York, which is now known as Jorvik.



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