

# WHO WERE THE VIKINGS?

## SCANDINAVIANS



Vikings were people from Scandinavia from the late 8th century until the mid 11th century, a time known as the Viking age. Scandinavia is the area of Northern [redacted] which is now the countries of [redacted] and [redacted]

## EXPLORERS

Vikings were a seafaring people. The name 'Viking' comes from "vikingr," an Old Norse word for a person who is leaving home for adventure and profit. Viking men would travel to far offlands to explore and raid. This was known as going "viking." Today, the word Viking refers to people from Scandinavia during the Viking age.



## WORD BANK

**EUROPE - DENMARK - NORWAY - SWEDEN - WARRIORS - RAIDS - FARMERS - FISHERMEN - CHILDREN - HORNED**



## WARRIORS

During raids, Vikings were fierce [redacted]. They were feared all over Europe for their quick and brutal attacks. Viking men went on [redacted] hoping they would return with rich plunder. Warriors believed that if they fought bravely and died in battle, they would go to Asgard, the realm of the gods.

### did you know?

Viking warriors did not wear [redacted] helmets although horns may have been worn in rituals before the Viking age.

## FARMERS AND TRADESMEN

While Vikings were known as warriors, most Vikings were [redacted]. They would only go on raids during the summer season. Vikings were also craftsmen, [redacted] and traders. Viking men and women were skilled at making what they needed, including clothing, boats, jewelry and weapons. [redacted] learned these skills from a young age.

