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1. What were the Vikings known for?

- their seafaring and trading skills
- their agriculture and farming skills
- their construction and engineering skills
- their fashion and design skills

2. Where did the Vikings establish settlements?

- North America, Africa, and Asia
- England, Scotland, Ireland, and France
- only in their own countries (Norway, etc.)
- only in South America

3. What was the Viking's famous weapon formation?

- shield wall formation
- arrow formation
- sword wall formation
- spear formation

4. What was the name of the Viking's ship?

- galleon
- schooner
- longboat
- canoe

5. What was the main reason for Viking voyages to North America?

- to establish settlements
- to trade
- to raid
- to find new routes for their trade

6. What is the impact of Viking culture on European religion?

- They brought new religious beliefs and practices.
- They converted people to their religion.
- They destroyed the existing religious practices.
- They had no impact on the religion of Europe.

Discuss these questions with a friend or classmate.

1. What information from the lecture did you find the most interesting? Why?
2. Why do you think the Vikings decided to travel to so many different places?
3. Would you like to have been a Viking? Why? / Why not?
4. What might be the advantages/disadvantages of having a Viking as a neighbor?
5. Why aren't there any Vikings nowadays?
6. What three questions would you like to ask a Viking?

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The Vikings were a seafaring people from the late eighth to the early 11th century. They hailed from the Scandinavian countries of Norway, Denmark, and Sweden, and their journeys took them as far as North America, Africa, and Asia. The Vikings were known for their naval skills, fierce warrior culture, and their impact on the history and development of Europe.

Vikings were skilled navigators and sailors, and their ships, known as longboats, were designed for both speed and maneuverability. These ships were able to navigate both the open seas and shallow rivers, allowing the Vikings to travel and raid far and wide. Their ships also allowed them to trade and establish settlements in many areas.

The Vikings were also fierce warriors, known for their bravery and skill in battle. They were skilled in the use of a variety of weapons, including axes, swords, and shields. They also used advanced tactics and strategies in battle, such as the famous Viking shield wall formation. This reputation as fierce warriors struck fear in the hearts of many of their enemies, and the Vikings were often able to achieve victory in battle through sheer intimidation.

Vikings were not only warriors but also traders and explorers. They were known for their seafaring and trading skills and established trade routes throughout Europe and beyond. They traded in a variety of goods, including slaves, furs, and metals. They also established settlements in many areas, including the famous Viking colony of Iceland and the controversial settlement in Canada. In 1960, a Norse settlement was discovered in L'Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland, Canada, which carbon dating suggests was established around 1000 AD. This evidence suggests that Vikings had reached North America, specifically Canada, before Christopher Columbus.

The Vikings had a significant impact on the history and development of Europe. They established settlements in many areas, including England, Scotland, Ireland, and France. They also had a significant impact on the development of the Russian state through their trading and colonization of the East Slavic lands.

The Vikings also had a significant impact on the culture and religion of Europe. They brought new religious beliefs and practices to the areas they settled, which had a lasting influence on the development of Christianity in those areas. Their stories and legends also had a lasting impact on the literature and culture of Europe.

Vikings were also known for their art and craftsmanship, particularly in metalwork and woodcarving. They were skilled in the use of various materials, including gold, silver, and bronze. They were also known for their intricate designs and intricate patterns, which were often used to decorate their weapons, jewelry, and other objects.

ANSWER KEY

1. their seafaring and trading skills
2. England, Scotland, Ireland, & France
3. shield wall formation
4. longboat
5. to establish settlements
6. They brought new religious beliefs …

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