

The Vikings



Photo: A Viking Longship

Vocabulary	
Scandinavia	Norway, Sweden and Denmark
explorers	people who travel to a new place to discover what is there
evidence	proof, information showing whether something is true
raid	enter a place to steal something
seaborne	carried on a ship
navigation	finding a way around
volatile:	likely to change suddenly
descendant	relative from later generations

Books
Vicious Vikings- Horrible Histories
Norse Myths- Usbourne
The Last Viking- Terry Deary

Sticky Knowledge

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The Vikings worshipped many gods. Each god had different human strengths and weaknesses. Odin, the god of war, death, wisdom and poetry, was the most important.

The Vikings were the first global explorers, reaching the New World nearly 500 years before Columbus first set sail.

The longships that made the Vikings such capable raiders also made them great traders. The longship allowed the Vikings to sail upriver and build settlements and towns (Dublin and Kiev were both Viking settlements).

Other Information
Thursday is named after Thor-Thor's Day
Place names like Derby (ones ending in -by) are Viking