



BIBLIOPLAN'S COOL HISTORY FOR ADVANCED

MEDIEVAL, WEEK 8:

THE VIKINGS

Fill in the Blank:

1. The modern-day nation of Denmark lies on the _____ Peninsula and the surrounding islands. Four bodies of water all but surround the _____ Peninsula: To the west lies the _____ Sea; to the northwest lies the _____ Strait; to the northeast lies the _____ Bay; and to the east lies the _____ Sea.
2. The Viking Age began around the year _____, when the Vikings raided a defenseless monastery on the British tidal island of _____. The Viking Age ended around _____, the year when the Vikings who had settled in _____, France crossed the English Channel and conquered England.
3. The Vikings built two main types of ships, _____ and _____. Viking _____ were fast, nearly flat-bottomed ships powered by both _____ and _____. _____ were also called "_____ ships" because their prows were often carved to look like _____.
4. There were _____ (number) worlds in the Viking universe, all arranged around a _____ tree named _____. Odin's family of gods, the _____, lived in a world called _____. Humans lived in a world called _____, or "_____ Earth."
5. Sailing west from Norway, the Vikings settled first the large island of _____,

then the vast island of _____ , and finally the continent of _____
_____.

Short Answer:

1. What bridge connects the world of humans to the world of the gods? What far-seeing god guards this bridge?
2. Name Thor's three magical possessions and describe their magical powers.
3. What will happen to Thor when the Ragnarok comes?
4. How did Eric the Red describe Greenland to prospective Viking settlers? What was Greenland really like?
5. List some of the differences that led to the Great Schism between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church. Which difference was the most important?

Short Essays:

1. Describe the tactics that Vikings used for their early Viking raids.
2. Describe community inspections of new Viking children.
3. What was the *filioque*? Why did people who liked the *filioque* say that people who didn't like the *filioque* were probably Arians?

Research Essay:

In one Norse myth, a giant named Utgarda-Loki challenges Thor to three tests of strength and manhood. Surprisingly, Thor fails all three. What are the three tests, and how does Thor fail each of them? Why does he always fail? What is the connection between this tale and Thor's feud with the world serpent Jörmungandr?