



Cool History for Littles

Year Two, Week 8

READING SUGGESTIONS FROM THE COMPANION: Three North European Peninsulas: Scandinavia, Fenno-Scandia and Jutland, The Vikings (parental choice), The Viking Raid on Lindisfarne, Viking Weaponry, Viking Longhouses, Norse Mythology (parental choice), Naming the Days of the Week, Runestones, Hnefatafl, Viking Navigation, Eric the Red, Leif Ericsson, Church History in Brief, Why the Viking Colonies in Vinland and Greenland Failed

QUESTIONS FROM THE READINGS

1. Part of Denmark stands on a peninsula that juts off Northern Europe. What is this peninsula called?
2. Viking longships were also called what?
3. What were Viking cargo ships called?
4. Some Viking warriors fought in a mad, violent trance. What were these warriors called?
5. Viking families often lived under the same roof with their livestock. What were these long, strong Viking homes called?
6. The highest heaven in the Norse universe is called what?
7. A sleepless god called Heimdall guards the bridge between the human world and the highest heaven. What is this rainbow-colored bridge called?
8. The Norse universe will end in a huge battle. What is this battle called?
9. Thursday is named for one of the Norse gods. Which?
10. The Viking Age started with a raid that happened in 793. What is this raid called?
11. What Viking leader built the first colonies on Iceland?
12. What Viking leader built the first colonies on Greenland?
13. What Viking leader discovered North America?



COOL HANDS-ON ACTIVITY: Make your own Viking runestone! Find a hand-sized stone and cover it with painted-on Viking runes and pictures.



GLOBE FUN

- Review the seven continents and the five oceans.
- Review the locations of France, England, Scotland and Ireland.
- Review the definition of “peninsula.” A peninsula is an area of land that juts out from a bigger area, which means that it has water on all sides except one. Also review some peninsulas we’ve already covered: Balkan, Arabian and Sinai.
- Point out the two main peninsulas where the Vikings lived: the Scandinavian Peninsula and the Jutland Peninsula.
- Trace the trail the Vikings followed to North America, from Norway to the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland and Newfoundland.