

## QUESTIONS FROM THE READINGS

1. Norway and Sweden stand on a huge peninsula that reaches down from the far north. What is this peninsula called? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Part of Denmark stands on a smaller peninsula that reaches up from mainland Europe. What is this peninsula called? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Viking oarsmen didn't sit on rowing benches. What did they sit on? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Viking longships were also called what? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Viking cargo ships were called what? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Viking longhouses often had roofs made of what? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Two clever ravens bring Odin news and wisdom. What are their names? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. A rainbow-colored bridge stands between Asgard and Midgard. What is this bridge called? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. A never-sleeping god is supposed to guard this bridge. What is this god called? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. The Norse world ends in a terrible battle. What is this battle called? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Thursday is named for what Norse god? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. The Viking Age started with a raid that happened on one of the British Isles in 793. What is this famous raid called? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Who was the first Viking to build settlements on Iceland? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Who was the first Viking to build settlements on Greenland? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Who was the first Viking to build a settlement on North America? \_\_\_\_\_
16. This last Viking's settlement, which he called Vinland, probably stood on an island in what is now Canada. What island? \_\_\_\_\_



17. One day in 1054, Cardinal Humbert delivered a papal bull to Patriarch Michael I Cerularius. What did it say?

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18. FILL IN THE BLANKS: The East-West Schism split the churches of the East from the churches of the West.

Churches that followed Constantinople are now called \_\_\_\_\_  
churches. Churches that followed Rome are now called \_\_\_\_\_  
churches.

### **CHALLENGE QUESTIONS**

1. Some Viking warriors fought in a mad, violent trance. What were these warriors called? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Viking leaders examined each new child shortly after it was born. What did they do about children whom they judged to be deformed, disabled or sick? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Most of what is still known about Norse mythology comes from a pair of books written in the 1200s. What are these books called? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Mjolnir's handle might have been longer if Loki hadn't bitten someone. Whom did Loki bite? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What does the Latin word *filioque* mean? \_\_\_\_\_

6. The Western church added the filioque to an important statement of faith without asking the Eastern church. What statement of faith? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **OPTIONAL BONUS QUESTION/ACTIVITY**

Some say the Vikings made it well west of Newfoundland, all the way to what is now Minnesota. For proof, they point to a Viking runestone that was supposedly discovered in Minnesota— although the “discovery” may well be a fake. What is this famous runestone called? Find a picture of it and paste it here.