



COOL HISTORY FOR UPPER MIDDLES

BiblioPlan, Year 2, Week 8: COMPANION/CLASSTIME READINGS/GLOBE OR MAP

1. Why did the early Vikings choose Christian monasteries as targets for their raids?
2. What event marked the Viking Age's beginning? What event marked its end?
3. What happened to Viking children whom the community judged to be deformed, disabled or sick?
4. Name the two main types of Viking ships.
5. Describe the *berserker*gang.
6. The Viking universe included how many worlds? Around what were these worlds arranged? In what world did Odin's family of gods live? In what world did humans live?
7. Name some of Odin's magical possessions. Who brought Odin news?
8. Which of Loki's godlike powers was especially helpful in deceiving others?
9. What is the Ragnarok? What will happen to Thor when the Ragnarok comes?
10. What is a Runestone?
11. How might the technology of sun discs have helped the Vikings navigate the seas?
12. How did Eric the Red describe Greenland to prospective Viking settlers? What was Greenland really like?
13. What does the Latin word *filoque* mean?
14. 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?
15. What did Cardinal Humbert do to Patriarch Cerularius? What did Patriarch Cerularius do to Cardinal Humbert in return?

16. After the East-West Schism, what was the Eastern church called? What was the Western church called?

OPTIONAL BONUS QUESTION/ACTIVITY

What is the Kensington Runestone? When and where was it discovered? Do some reading about the Kensington Runestone and decide whether or not you think it is a hoax.

