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Lesson Activity for Grade 8

(Themes & Features: Vikings)

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Who were the Vikings? What kind of people were they? Chances are you've heard about Vikings but don't know a whole lot about them. Sure, they raided villages and plundered cities, but did you know they are thought by many experts to have been the first Europeans to visit North America, even before Christopher Columbus?

1. On the Grade 8 StudentLink menu, click on "Themes and Features".
2. Under the column "Vikings" click on "PBS: Vikings"
3. Click on "Who Were the Vikings". Read through this interview with an expert on Vikings and answer the following questions:

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4. What is another common name for Vikings?

5. List three differences that separated the Vikings from other European nations at the time.

6. Describe how Viking attacks were carried out.

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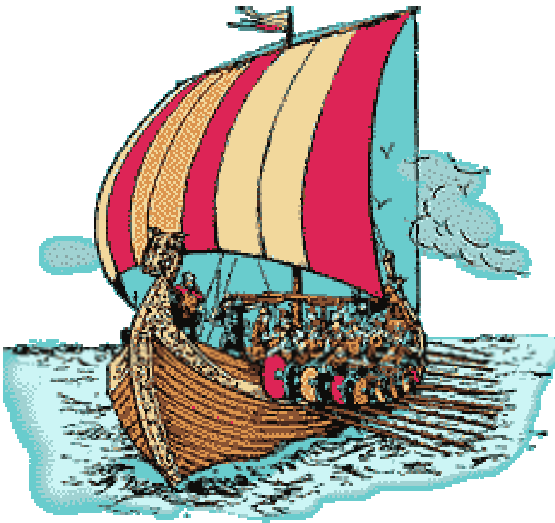
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7. The article discusses a misconception by people: That the Vikings were savage people who killed women and children. Why is this view not necessarily true and how are archaeologists beginning to paint a more accurate picture of the Vikings?

8. Now, GO BACK to the main page and click on “**Secrets of the Norse Ship**”. Viking ships were feared by many Europeans in Medieval times, but why were these ships so formidable? Read on to find out...



9. GO BACK to the main page and click on “**Viking Diaspora**”. Track the Viking’s path on the map and answer the following questions:

10. Where is the only Viking settlement in Canada located? many years?

11. Name three Viking settlements.

12. At around what time did the Viking settlements disappear in Greenland?

13. What did a Viking village look like? To find out, GO BACK to the main page and click on “**Explore a Viking Village**”. Watch the videos of the construction of some villages and of the excavation of others by archaeologists (check with your teacher to make sure your computer can

Before you’re done, be sure to try out “**Write Your Name in Runes**”...