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PRE- AND POSTREADING QUESTIONNAIRE



You are about to set sail on the high seas on a Viking Voyage.

PREREADING: Before you begin your adventure, complete the PREREADING column of this chart to assess what you already know about the Vikings.

POSTREADING: Revisit the chart after you have finished your research and returned from your voyage. Complete the POSTREADING column, noting if you revised your answers based on your research.

Directions: Record “**Yea**” in the column if you agree with the statement; Record “**Nay**” in the column if you disagree with the statement.

PRE

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_____ _____ 1. The Vikings lived in a forested area with rugged coastlines called Scandinavia.

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_____ _____ 2. The Vikings used different types of metal and plastic to build large, narrow ships.

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_____ _____ 3. The Vikings did not fare well in trade and were drastically worse than the Phoenicians.

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4. Most Vikings lived in villages that were scattered through the country.

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5. The people were divided into groups ruled by military chiefs called fjords.

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6. Berserkers were Viking warriors.

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7. The Vikings believed in many gods and often believed they controlled such things as the weather and crops.

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8. Viking men and women alike preferred to sport short hair or baldness.

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9. Eddas were poems about the Viking gods and their great deeds.

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10. Runes were ancient Viking sites filled with empty buildings and fallen statues.

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11. The Vikings were considered nice people and were always welcome to visit their friends in Eastern Europe.

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12. Erik the Red and Leif Eriksson were two famous Viking adventurers.

Notes:

13. The Danes were Vikings who raided western and southern Europe.

Notes:

14. The Danes were led by a warrior named Rollo.

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15. The Vikings threw weak children into the sea.

Notes:

PRE

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16. Calling a Viking “beardless” was a great insult that could be wiped out only by death.

Notes:

17. The Vikings wore helmets with horns to scare the enemy.

Notes:

18. Vikings outlined their graves with stones in the shape of a ship.

Notes:

19. The Vikings were violent people who left behind no positive contributions to Western Europe.

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