

Viking Life

Pages 20-27

Students: Fill in the answers and return for assessment

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book Viking raiders and settlers.

You can open this book online now by clicking on the book cover. It will open in a new window or tab.

In this segment, we are going to learn more about how Vikings lived.

You will need to go to pages 20-21 of the book.

Part 1

Why were Vikings towns cramped, smelly and dirty? How would you have felt living in a Viking town?

Answer ...

The towns were smelly because there were no toilets, sewers or rubbish collectors.

Students' own answers.

Now turn to pages 22-23 of the book.

Part 2

Read the text on pages 22-23 and look at the picture. How is a Viking house different from the place where you live? Do you think it would be comfortable to live in a Viking house? Why or why not?

Answer ...

Answers may include: there is no bathroom, the Viking house is just one room, food was cooked on an open fire, etc.

Students' own answers.

Now turn to pages 24-25 of the book.

Part 3

Why do you think Viking clothes were made of wool?
What are the steps involved in making an item of Viking clothing?

Answer ...

Answers might include: It was easy to harvest the wool, they had a lot of sheep, it was warm and water-resistant
The wool was collected from the ground, it would be spun into threads, it would then be knitted or woven, finally the clothes were dyed

Now turn to pages 26-27 of the book.

Part 4

Why did the Vikings need to preserve food?
What kinds of dishes do you think might have made a typical Viking dinner?

Answer ...

The food would go bad if it were not preserved, and would not last until the next harvest; people would starve.
Students' answers might include: meat or fish stews, jams and bread, oatcakes, porridge, vegetable soups

That is the end of this worksheet, and you can now turn to another one. Also, find out if your teacher has left you any other worksheets or special instructions on your school website.

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