

Viscious Vikings



Lesson 6: How Vikings lived

In History IALT: understand how the Vikings lived.

I can understand that lives were different in the past.

I can think about why Vikings' lives were different.

I can think about what a 'normal' day would be like for a Viking.

I understand how the Vikings lived.

I can compare Vikings' lives to my own.

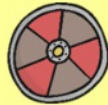
Viking Clothes - Men



Viking Clothes - Women



Jewellery



Men and women liked to wear jewellery. These could be rings, bracelets, necklaces and brooches.



Viking Jobs/Life

- There was no employment as such, during Viking times.
- People were mostly farmers, craftsmen and traders.
- Women milked cows to make cheese, spun, wove and sewed clothes.
- Children did not go to school. Everything was learnt through stories.



Viking Societal Ranks



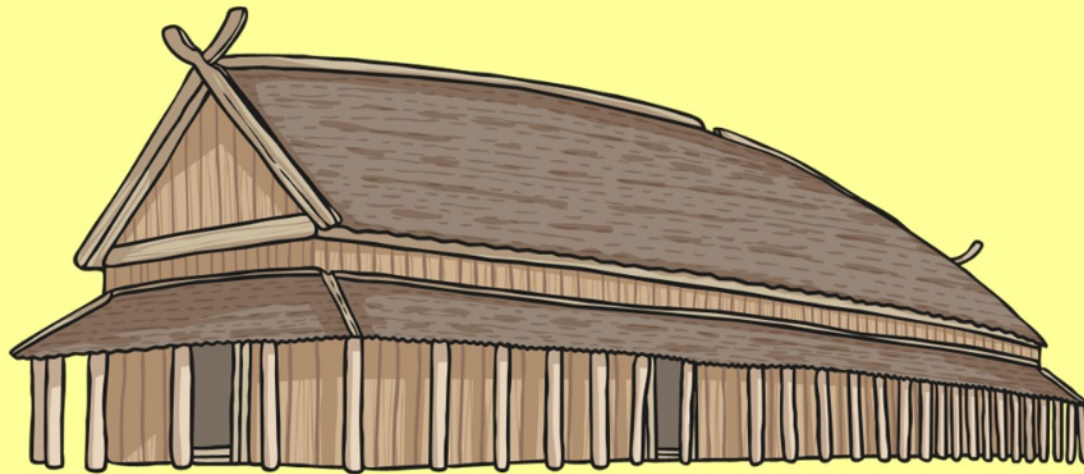
**Earls
and Chieftains**

**Freemen
(most people)**

Slaves

Viking Homes

- Most Viking houses were made of wood, stone or turf with thatched roofs.
- They all had a hole in the roof to let out smoke from the fire.
- A fire was lit in the middle of the home for light and warmth.
- A 'smithy' was a place to mend and make tools from iron.





Viking Longhouses

Vikings lived in narrow houses called longhouses. Longhouses were often found in the countryside. Viking houses in cities such as York would have been smaller.

The walls were made of wattle (sticks woven together and covered with mud).

The roofs were thatched (covered in straw).

Longhouses were made of wood, stone or turf (blocks of layers of grass with the soil still on), depending on what was available in the area.

The floor level was sometimes dug below ground level to keep out draughts.



Inside a Longhouse

The inside of a longhouse must have been noisy and smelly!

At one end of the longhouse, there would have been a barn area. A family's animals would be kept there to protect them from cattle thieves and to shelter them from the cold winter weather.

Crops could also have been stored in the barn area.



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Furniture in a Longhouse

Benches would have been built into the walls of a longhouse.

These benches would have been used for sitting on during the day and sleeping on at night.

A loom would also be found inside a longhouse. It would be used for weaving.



The Centre of a Longhouse

In the centre of a longhouse, there would have been a fire. This fire provided heating, lighting and it was used to cook food too.

There were no chimneys or windows so the house would be quite smoky.

The fire would be lit constantly.



TASK: write a diary entry of your day as a Viking child.

Can you include:

What you wore?

What you ate?

What you did?

Use these key words:

longhouse

longboat

jewellery

tunic

brooch

cloak

cattle

weaving

EXPLAIN and
DESCRIBE for the
reader.

Brain Bubble:



Would you like to have been a Viking?
Why? Why not?