

HOME LEARNING ROUTE



Be a Viking explorer

Key Stage 2 • History

Build a Viking ship and write a diary about your journey. Learn about ship-building and Viking life at sea as you go along.

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Preview of pupil steps:

1. Today you are going to be a Viking Explorer. You will build a model of a Viking longship and write a diary entry from your journey on board the ship. Click on step 2 to get started!
2. Remember that you can always use this glossary if there are any words you are not sure about.
3. Watch this video to find out more about Viking sailors and the ships that they built. Why do you think the Vikings wanted to visit new places? What properties does a boat need to have to be able to travel both across oceans and along rivers?
4. Read this text to learn more about different types of Viking ships, how they were built and what life was like onboard. How do we know about these ships? What evidence is there?
5. This is your template and your instructions for building your ship. Print them out if you have access to a printer. If not, you can make a copy of the Viking ship outline on a blank piece of paper.
6. Now that you have a boat, you are ready to go on your journey. Write a diary about life on board on a journey from Norway to Iceland. Draw a visual plan of what you think you might see. Think about what you might hear and smell to add more detail to your writing. If you want some musical inspiration, go to the next step. Good luck!
7. Viking music gallery to inspire your writing!



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