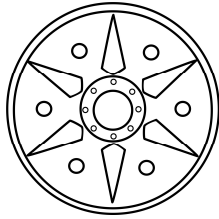
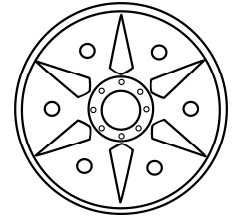




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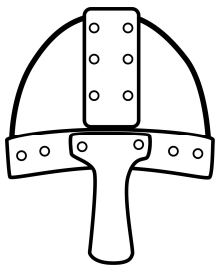
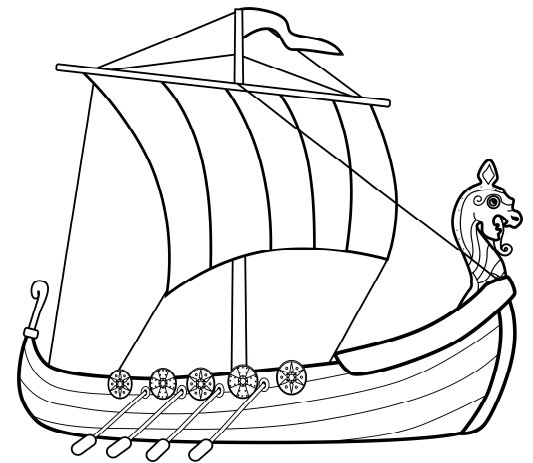


THE VIKINGS



Long ago, there were a group of people known as the Vikings. They lived in a place called Scandinavia, which includes modern-day countries like Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. The Vikings were famous for many things, and they lived during a time known as the Viking Age, which was from around 800 to 1050 AD.

One of the things Vikings were famous for was their amazing ships. These ships were long and slender, and they had big sails. Vikings used these ships to explore faraway lands and to trade with other people. They were excellent sailors and navigators.



Vikings were also known for their bravery in battle. They were fierce warriors who used swords, shields, and even axes to protect their homes and to explore new lands. They wore helmets and had special symbols on their shields.

The Vikings were great explorers. They sailed across the ocean and discovered new places like Iceland, Greenland, and even parts of North America long before Columbus. They called the new land they found "Vinland."

Viking families were very important. They lived in big houses with thatched roofs and often had farms. They worked hard to grow food and take care of animals. Viking women played a crucial role in the family and were in charge of the house.



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Vikings had their own stories and beliefs. They believed in many gods and goddesses, like Thor, the god of thunder, and Odin, the king of all gods. They had interesting myths and legends about these gods and their adventures.

The Viking Age ended when the Vikings started to settle in new lands and became part of different cultures. They stopped exploring and being warriors, and their amazing stories became a part of history.

1. What is the text structure of this passage?

description

cause and effect

compare and contrast

problem and solution

sequence

2. Which modern day countries make up the area from where the Vikings came?

3. Name some places the Vikings visited as explorers. _____

4. When did the Viking age end? _____
