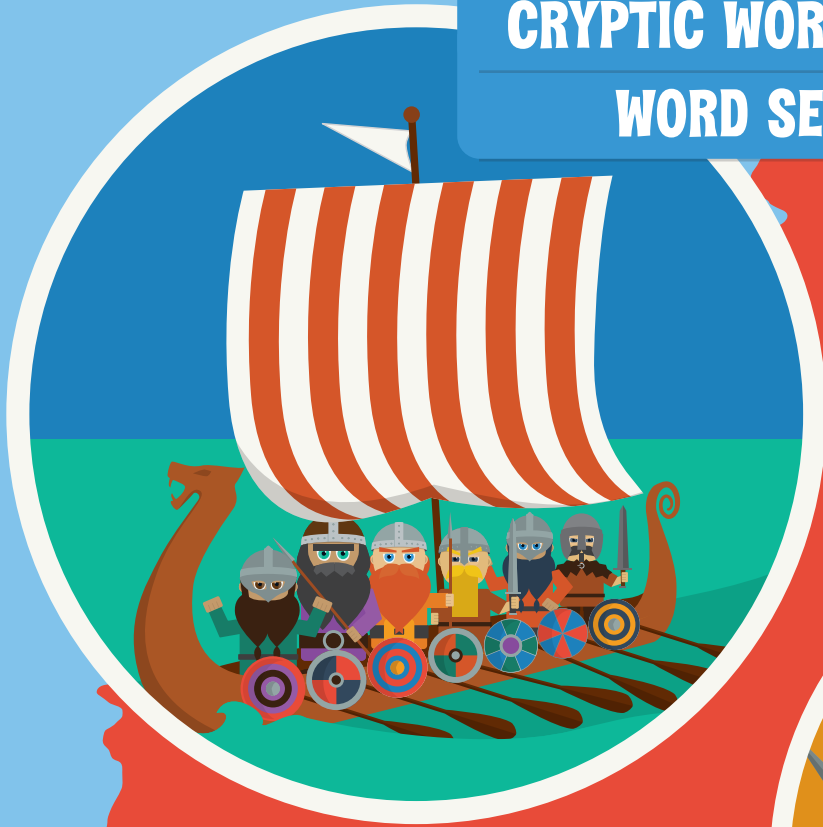


WHO WERE THE VIKINGS?

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SCANDINAVIANS



Vikings were people from Scandinavia from the late 8th century until the mid 11th century, a time known as the Viking age. Scandinavia is the area of Northern Europe which is now the countries of Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

EXPLORERS

Vikings were a seafaring people. The name "Viking" comes from "vikingr," an Old Norse word for a person who is leaving home for adventure and profit. Viking men would travel to far off lands to explore and raid. This was known as going "viking." Today, the word Viking refers to people from Scandinavia during the Viking age.



vikings were also known as...

Scandinavians - Vikings came from Scandinavia which includes the countries of Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Norsemen / Norse - Vikings were known as Norsemen, which means "men from the north."

Vangarians / Rus' - Vikings who ruled in Russia were called Vangarians. The Rus' were a group of Vangarians.

WARRIORS



During raids, Vikings were fierce warriors. They were feared all over Europe for their quick and brutal attacks. Viking men went on raids hoping they would return with rich plunder. Warriors believed that if they fought bravely and died in battle, they would go to Asgard, the realm of the gods.

Did you know?

Viking warriors did not wear horned helmets, although horns may have been worn during rituals by the Norse people before the Viking age.

FARMERS AND TRADESMEN

While Vikings were known as warriors, most Vikings were farmers. They would only go on raids during the summer season. Vikings were also craftsmen, fishermen and traders. Viking men and woman were skilled at making what they needed, including clothing, boats, jewelry and weapons. Children learned these skills from a young age.



CRYPTIC WORD SEARCH

Fill in the blanks and find the answers in the word search below:

- 1 The three countries in Scandinavia: _____, _____, _____.
- 2 _____ comes from the Old Norse Word 'vikingr.'
- 3 Vikings didn't have _____ helmets.
- 4 Vikings were known as _____ which means 'men from the north.'
- 5 Most Vikings were _____.
- 6 Warriors believed that if they died bravely, they would go to _____.
- 7 Vikings would go on raids during the _____ season.
- 8 Viking _____ were feared all over Europe for their brutal attacks.
- 9 Viking men went on _____ hoping they would return with rich plunder.

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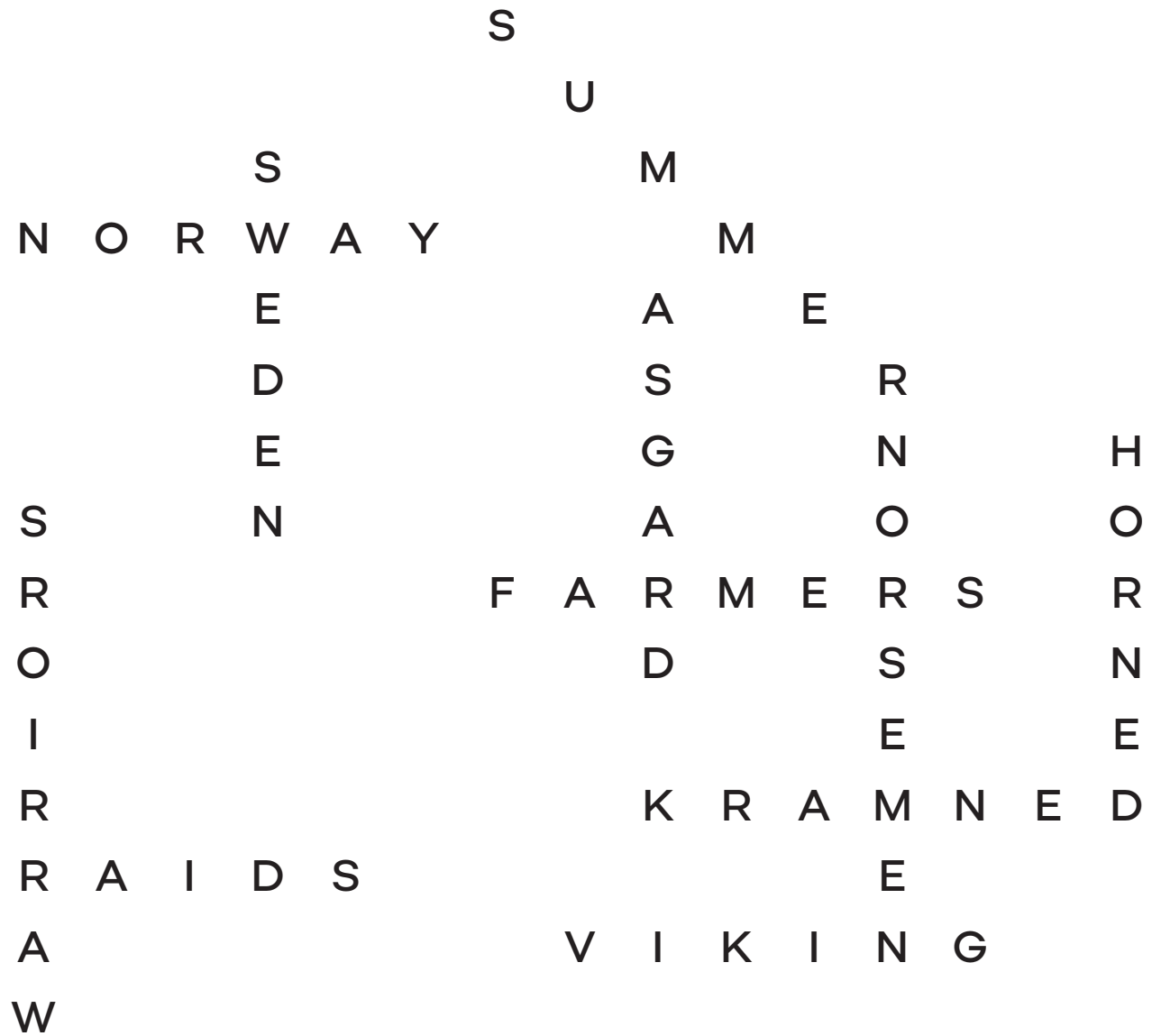
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SCANDINAVIAN
NORSEMAN
FARMER
VIKING
WARRIOR

EXPLORER
ASGARD
ADVENTURE
DENMARK
SWEDEN

NORWAY
PLUNDER
RAID
HELMET
NORTH

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5. Most Vikings were **FARMERS**.
6. Warriors believed that if they fought bravely and died in battle, they would go to **ASGARD**.
7. Vikings would go on raids during the **SUMMER** season.
8. Vikings **WARRIORS** were feared all over Europe for their quick and brutal attacks.
9. Viking men went on **RAIDS** hoping they would return with rich plunder.

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