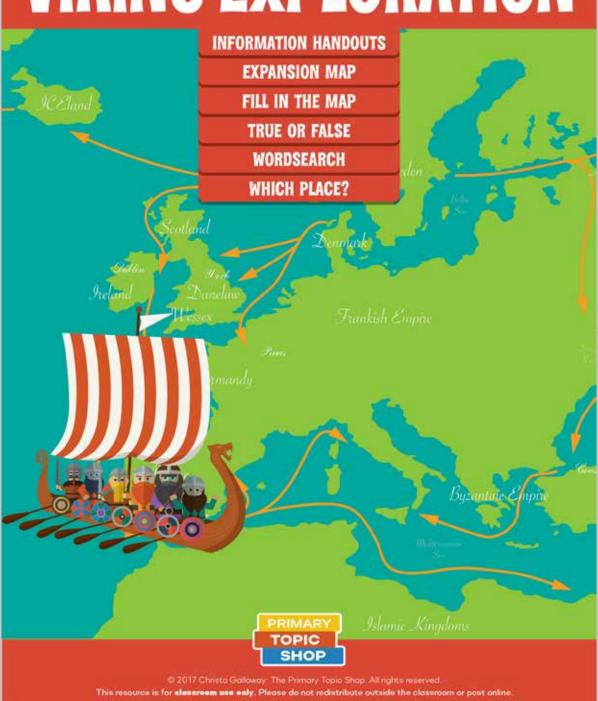
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VIKINGS



Vikings sailed by river, ocean and sea to new continents.

Medieval writers wrote stories about Viking travels south through Europe and the Mediterranean Sea. To the west, Vikings settled in Britain, then sailed even further to the uninhabited land of Iceland and later Greenland and even eastern Canada

SCANDINAVIA

Vikings, or Norsemen, came from Scandinavia The Viking Age began when Norsemen from Scandinavia raided the British Isles to the east.

The separate kingdoms of Norway, Denmark and Sweden were established when the Viking Age ended in the 11th century.

BRITISH ISLES

The Viking Age began with a raid on the monastery of Lindisfarne in the year 793. In the following years, they continued to raid towns, monasteries and cities in England.

The city of York was captured by Vikings in 866. They ruled the city for one hundred years.

After the Vikings were defeated by Alfred of Wessex at the Battle of Eddington in 878,

treaties were created which defined the

boundaries between the English kingdom and the Viking Danelaw territory.

Vikings raided the monastery at Iona in 794. The islands of Hebrides, Shetland and Orkney were colonized by Scandinavians for 700 years, between the 8th and 15th centuries.

Viking raided monasteries on Ireland's coasts. They established many towns including Dublin. Viking raiders were driven from Ireland in the Battle of Clontarf in 1014 but settled Vikings continued to trade with the Irish.

FRANKISH EMPIRE

When Vikings began raiding coastal towns in West and Middle Francia, the Franks fortified their bridges in an effort to stop Vikings from raiding inland. Nevertheless, in the 9th century. the Vikinas went deep into Frankish territory and sacked many towns including Paris.

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In 911, the king of West Francia gave a territory to the Viking leader Rolle to rule. This territory was called the Duchy of Normandy. The descendants of Rollo and his followers intermorried with the Franks and became the Normans.

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Rollo's descendant. William, Duke of Normandy, became the king of England in 1066.



Vikings used waterways to travel from Sweden through Russia to the Byzantine Empire. These Vikings were known as Vangarians or Rus.

The Volga trade route was established by the Vangarians. It connected Northern Europe

with the Cospian Sea along the Volga River.

Varigarians traded for leather, wax, skins, slaves and honey along the rivers. There are runestones in Sweden that tell stories of the Vangarians journey through Russia.

Vikings traveled all the way from Sweden to

Constantinople, a city that we now know as

such as silk, embroidered cloth, wine, fruit,

spices, as well as semi-precious stones like

The Viking word for Constantinople was

Miklagård which means "The Great City."

There is evidence Vikings traveled further south

than Constantinople to Baghdad and possibly

Istanbul in Turkey, to trade for exotic products

CONSTANTINOPLE

ICELAND

The uninhabited island of Iceland was found accidentally by a Viking ship that drifted off

The first Vikings settlers arrived around 870. They exported fish, leather and wool.

The Chieftains of Iceland started one of the world's first parliaments, called the Althing.

GREENLAND

Eric the Red landed in Greenland in 981. returning in 986 with settlers from Iceland. By the year 1000, there were two settlements in Greenland

When the warm period ended and Greenland became colder, the Viking farmers became hunters, mainly hunting seal.

After 500 years the Vikings abandoned Greenland, possibly because of conflicts with the native Inuit population.

even further.

camelian and quartz.

💿 MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Vikings sailed south to Spain and into the Mediterranean Sea, raiding coastal cities. They brought slaves from North Africa and brought them back to their homeland.

In 860 the Viking Hastein sailed a fleet of 62 ships to the Mediterranean and sacked several cities in Spain, conquering the city of Seville.

In the 11th century Vikings fought as mercenaries in Southern Italy.

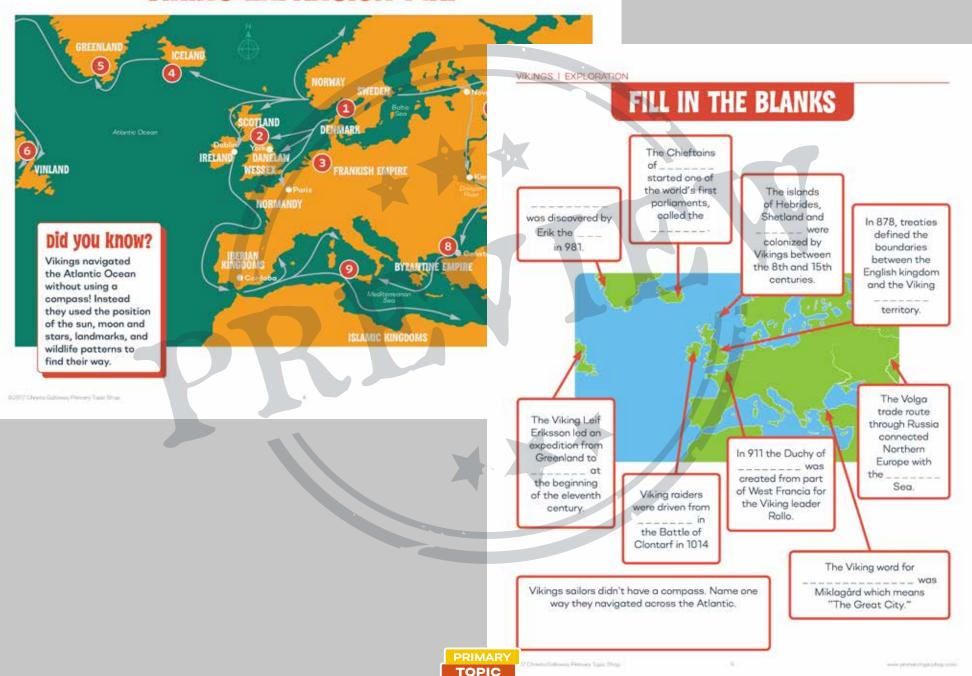
6 VINLAND

The Viking Leif Eriksson led an expedition from Greenland to Vinland (what is now eastern Canada) at the beginning of the eleventh century in search of timber. They settled there temporarily while they explored the coast, finding plenty of good hunting and fishing, grapes and timber

The remains of a Viking settlement has been found at L'Anse Aux Meadows in Newfoundland and there is evidence of a Viking Camp on Baffin Island in Northern Canada.



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WHICH PLACE?

In which country were Vikings known as Vangarians?

Which land was abandoned because of conflicts with the native Inuit population?

Which city in Ireland was founded by Vikings?

Which city, now called Istanbul, did Vikings visit to trade for exotic products such as silk?

Which city did the Viking Hastein sack in Spain in 860?

In which country was the world's first parliament, called the Althing, started?

The Duchy of Normandy was created from a part of which area?

Where did Leif Eriksson sail at the beginning of the 11th century in search of timber?

In which country was the Battle of Clontarf in 1014?

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