

How to Train Your Dragon: Pre-reading

Answers

- 1) What was another name for the Vikings?
The Vikings were also called Norsemen.
- 2) Where did the Vikings come from?
The Vikings came from all around Scandinavia (where Norway, Sweden and Denmark are today).
- 3) What does the word 'Viking' mean in Norse?
The word 'Viking' means 'a pirate raid' in Norse, the language spoken by the Vikings.
- 4) Why did Vikings invade different countries?
The Vikings wanted to settle in places where it was easier to grow crops.
- 5) What is a monastery? Why were monasteries easy targets for the Vikings?
A monastery was a building in which monks lived and worshipped. Monasteries were easy targets because the monks didn't have weapons to defend themselves.
- 6) Did the Vikings believe in just one god?
The Vikings believed in many gods.
- 7) Who was the Viking god of thunder?
Thor was the god of thunder.
- 8) Where did the Vikings believe warriors went when they died?
The Vikings believed that when a warrior died he would go to Valhalla, which is where Odin, the king of the gods lived.
- 9) What was a Viking boat called?
A Viking boat was called a longboat.
- 10) What was a Viking home called?
A Viking home was called a longhouse.
- 11) What were homes made of?
Viking homes were made of wood.
- 12) What were most Viking clothes made of?
Most Viking clothes were made from wool.