



# HERE COME THE VIKINGS

Did you know that the age of the Vikings, those infamous warriors and explorers of old, lasted 300 years, from 700 to 1100 AD? Sail off across the Web to learn about these colorful characters and their exciting adventures! Begin online at [www.scholastic.com/cyberhuntkids](http://www.scholastic.com/cyberhuntkids), then write your answers in the spaces below.

1 The Vikings came from three Scandinavian countries: Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. They were also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ people. In the Old Norse language, the word "Viking" means \_\_\_\_\_. [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/vikings/invasion/index.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/vikings/invasion/index.shtml)

2 Vikings were great travelers and explorers. They sailed all around Europe, discovering the remote countries of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. One famous Viking, \_\_\_\_\_, even landed in America! [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/vikings/travel/travel3.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/vikings/travel/travel3.shtml)

3 Since some Vikings were warrior pirates, they had ships that made it easy to land on \_\_\_\_\_ without a harbor, and raid local villages. Two kinds of Viking boats were the *Longship* and the \_\_\_\_\_. <http://viking.no/e/travels/evikingships.html>

4 Vikings sailed mainly along the coasts, but when they had to be at sea, they navigated by watching the North Star, the sun, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. (Vikings also observed fleas, since they always crawl north!) <http://library.thinkquest.org/C003446/a.php?b=14>

5 Viking pirates fought hand-to-hand using knives, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. They often raided without warning. When they faced their enemies on shore, unusually fierce Vikings called \_\_\_\_\_ warriors would attack first to instill fear. [www.stemnet.nf.ca/CITE/v\\_warriors.htm](http://www.stemnet.nf.ca/CITE/v_warriors.htm)

6 Not all Vikings raided others for their treasures. Many were traders, and most were \_\_\_\_\_ who traveled to find \_\_\_\_\_. [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/vikings/invasion/index.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/vikings/invasion/index.shtml)

7 In Viking mythology, there were many gods. The most powerful of these Viking gods was known as \_\_\_\_\_, while the most popular god was Thor, the god of \_\_\_\_\_. He was so popular that the word \_\_\_\_\_ is even named after him! [www.stemnet.nf.ca/CITE/v\\_thor.htm](http://www.stemnet.nf.ca/CITE/v_thor.htm)

8 Vikings were also pioneers in the field of law. (In fact, the word "law" comes from a Viking word!) If you were found guilty of a crime by a jury, you would be \_\_\_\_\_ or declared an outlaw. An outlaw was \_\_\_\_\_. <http://viking.no/e/life/elaws.htm>