

Daily life of Vikings

Plow - to break up the ground

Sow - to plant seeds

Hoe - to loosen the ground

Churn - to make butter by stirring violently

Skin - to remove the fur from animals

Viking words and symbols

Futhark - the Viking alphabet

Runes - the letters of the Viking alphabet

Skald - a Viking poet

Skaldic poems - Viking poems

Saga - a story

Viking Adventures

Fjord - a narrow inlet of sea surrounded by cliffs or steep mountains

Norsemen - men from the north, another name for Vikings

A-Viking - to travel for adventure

Berserk - crazy, wild or a bear shirt worn by Vikings

Barter - to exchange goods or services instead of using money

Raid - to make a sudden or surprise attack

Plunder - goods taken without permission

Monastery - a place where monks live

Monk - a man who spends his life in prayer

Longship - the long, narrow Viking ships

Knorr - wide Viking ships used for trading

Prow - the front of the ship

Stern - the back of the ship

Navigate - to steer a ship

Norse Mythology

Asgard - the Norse home of the gods

Midgard - “middle earth” where humans dwell

Trolls - mythological creatures who live in caves and in the sea

Valhalla - the hall in Asgard where Vikings who die in battle go

Norse Gods

Odin – Chief God, most powerful in Asgard, also known as Woden. Wednesday is named after this god (short for Woden’s Day)

Thor – God of thunder. Strong and mighty God, had a great hammer. Thursday is named after this god (Thor’s Day)

Tyr – God of war. Tuesday is named after this god (Tyr’s Day)

Freya – Goddess of love and beauty. Drove a chariot pulled by cats. Had a magic falcon suit. Friday is named after her (Freya’s day)