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2:00pm

Nature, “Wild Way of the Vikings”
4th – 8th grades.

Experience the natural world through the eyes of the Vikings. From the killer whales of the North Sea to the volcanic mounts of Iceland, see the deep history and cultural respect the Vikings had with the land and sea. Ewan McGregor narrates.

After watching this episode, choose from the following questions and/or tasks to extend your learning

<p><u>Question Box 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who were the Vikings? • Which ocean did they travel in? • How did they use nature to aid in their travels? • Name at least three of the animal species highlighted in the episode and include an important detail about each one. • Describe the hunting techniques of the orca. • Which animal was considered to be the most important for the Vikings’ survival? • What is a reindeer cyclone?
<p><u>Question Box 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This episode highlighted the reliance and respect that the Vikings had for the environment. Do you think that programs like this one help people today understand the critical balance that lies between humans and nature? Why or why not? • Do you think people today can learn something from how the Vikings revered land, sea and the flora and fauna that were within? If so, what can we learn? What did YOU learn from the episode?
<p><u>Box 3 (Tasks)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw a map of the Viking areas covered in this episode. Label land masses and seas. • On your map, draw and name the animals that were highlighted in the episode.
<p><u>Box 4 (Enrichment)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore this website for fun Viking-themed projects that you can make at home, including authentic Viking bread! • Do you want to learn more about the Vikings? Check out this unit that you can

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complete at home: <https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/education/viking-unit-study/>.

Box 5 (Extend/Real-Life)

The life of a Viking was very different from our modern day lives. However, they had many jobs similar to jobs held today. Common early Viking jobs were:

- Farmers
- Traders
- Explorers

As the Viking communities grew into towns people began to specialize in jobs such as:

- Blacksmiths
- Jewelers
- Weapon makers
- Fabric Makers
- Potters
- Bone Carvers
- Bakers
- Fishermen
- Hunters
- Warriors
- Sailors
- Boat Builders
- Leather Workers
- Wooden Bowl Makers

Make a poster and include at least 5 of the jobs listed above. Research artifacts of each of the jobs and either draw the artifact or print a picture for your poster. Write a short description of the artifact and describe any characteristics that identify the artifact as having been made by a Viking.

- Helpful websites:
- <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2014/mar/03/viking-world-british-museum-neil-macgregor-exhibition>
- <https://www.pinterest.com/marycoykendall/viking-artifacts/>
- https://www.google.com/search?q=viking+artifacts&rlz=1C1CHBF_enUS894US894&source=Inms&tbm=nws&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjgYmAsuPpAhXWVs0KHU-3BfMQ_AUoAnoECBUQBA&biw=1664&bih=967&dpr=1.5