

Meet Thorkel the Viking



WHERE IS THORKEL
FROM?

Scandinavia

Thorkel the Viking came from the north.

We call his land Scandinavia.

Norway,
Sweden
and Denmark
are countries
in Scandinavia.





I am from Norway!

There are lots of mountains here and I learned how to sail on the fjords

The water is deep in the fjords

The land was hard to farm on in Scandinavia, so I wanted to explore the seas and set sail!

This is the ship I sailed in called a Longship. I travelled all to England, Scotland and even as far as Turkey!



Longships



Viking settlers sailed huge distances in their longships



VIKING SHIPS

- The Viking ships were strong, lightweight and beautifully shaped to skim quickly through the water.
- Warships and raiding ships were designed to come right up on the beach so that men could jump out and start fighting straight away.
- The ships were built of wood and made waterproof with tar from pine trees.
- The square sails were made of woven wool and were often brightly coloured.
- When the wind was wrong for sailing, they were rowed by teams of oarsmen.





Vikings are most famous for their **LONGSHIPS**
- known as **DRAGON SHIPS** to their enemies

The Prow - front of
the ship carved with
a dragon like figure

The Stern - back of
the ship with a
carving similar to the
one on the front



Question

*Why do you think
the Vikings carved
dragon like figures
onto the front and
the back of their
ships?*

You are going to
start designing your
own Viking Longship!

Follow the next
slides and make a
note of each of your
designs.

My Ship had a
TERRIBLY
FRIGHTENING carving
of an eagle on the
front and back to
scare the places we
were about to fight!

What animal would
you put at the front
of your ship?



Dragon head
prow to scare
enemies and
see the way!

The sail was large and
made by women in the
family.

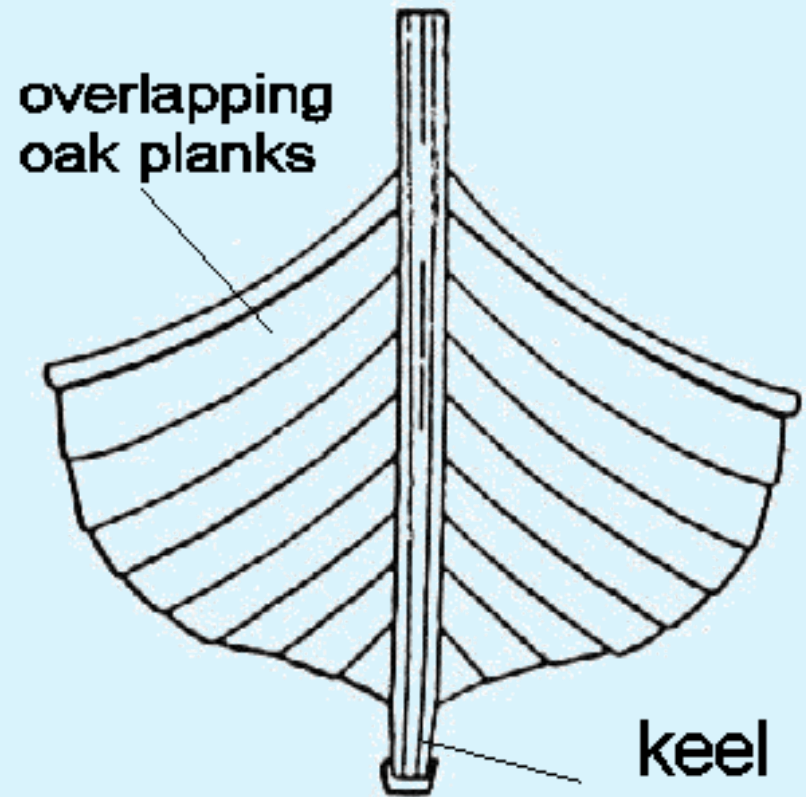
**Made from sheep
wool** covered with
animal fat and tar to
strengthen it.
Often made from long
strips of **brightly
coloured cloth** (blue,
green or red) sewn
together. **What
colours what you have
on your sail?**

Clinker built hull
allowed for great speed
and strength in stormy
seas.

Also allowed the ship to
be rowed up narrow
channels and rivers.

Shields were
brightly coloured
and were hung over
the sides of the ship
as it entered port
**What would your
shields look like?**

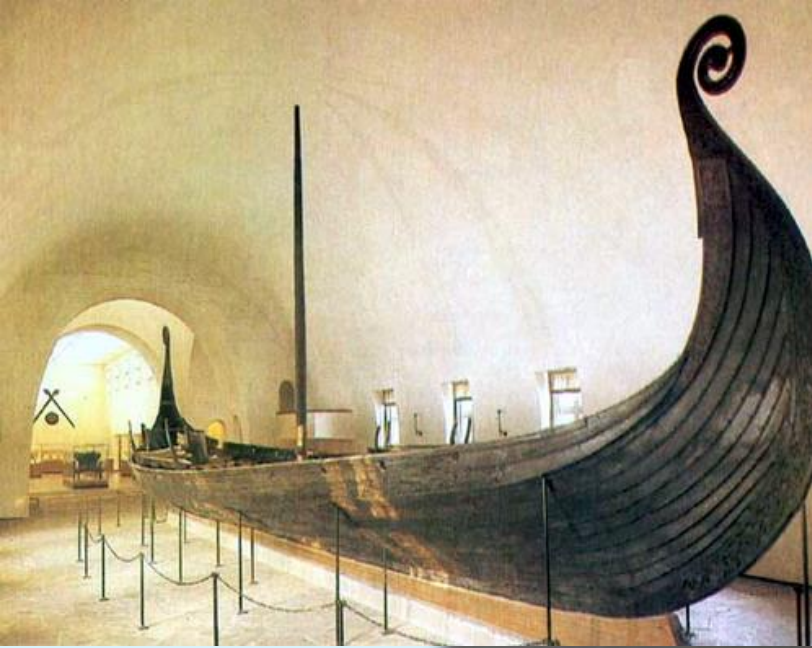




Viking longships were among the first ever ships to have a keel. **The keel is extremely important as it provides the ship with support in rough weather.**

The keel also enabled the ships to travel smoothly and quickly across the sea.

A large oar at the stern steered the ship.



What do you think of the design of the Viking Longship?

Does the Longship look like any kind of boat or ship that you might see today?

Size matters!

- The smallest longships had 26 oars, some had as many as 70 oars!
- How many oars would there be on each side of the ship?

Longships were expensive to build and to crew. Only the rich Viking Kings could afford to have such vessels... Like me!



ORM THE VIKING TELLS US ABOUT THE VIKING BOATS!

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/viking-longships/463.html>

Task 1:

Design your own Viking Ship!

Sail, usually red, green, blue

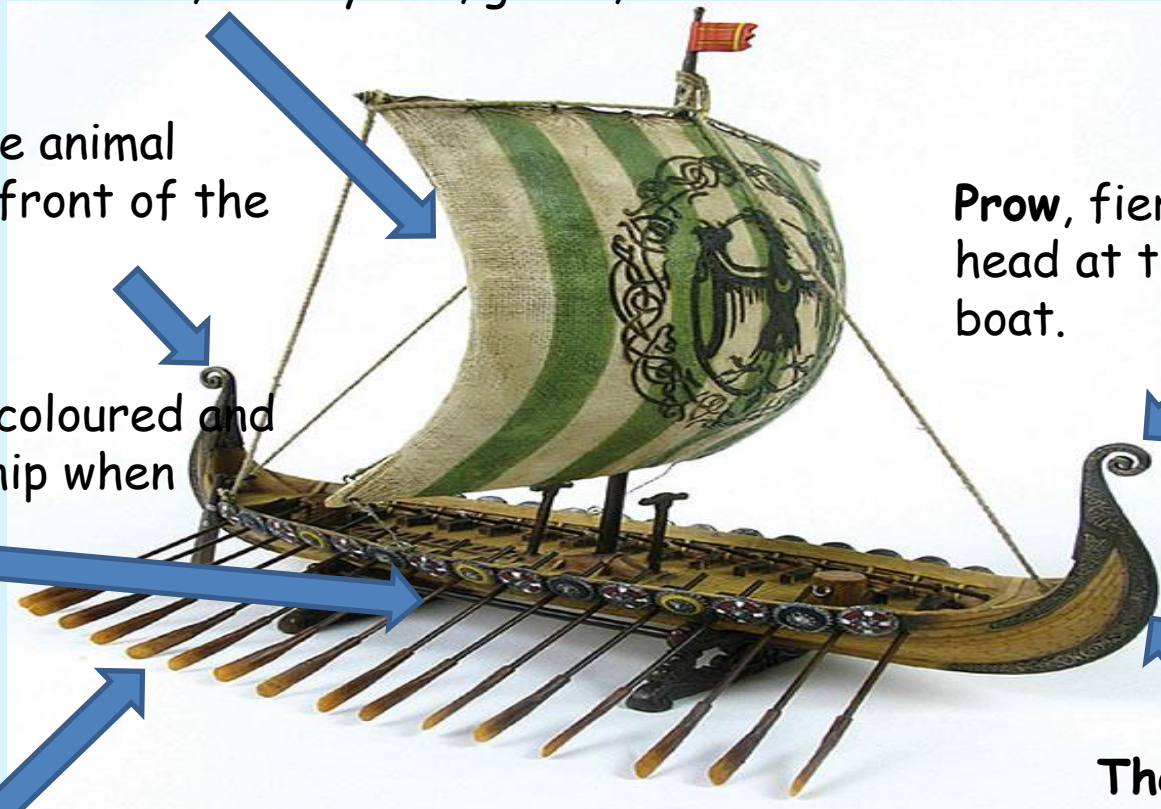
Stern, fierce animal head at the front of the boat

Prow, fierce animal head at the back of the boat.

Shields, brightly coloured and hung on side of ship when entering port

The Keel gave the ship support

Oars would be used as well as the sail for speed or without the sail when no wind





Task 2:

Now that you have designed your Longship, you now need to use the information in the PowerPoint to think about what you would need in order to build a Longship.

- What Parts need to be included?
- What materials will we need to use? Give reasons for each choice
- How big is it going to be?
- How will we use the materials to construct the Viking shape?