

Activity Sheet - Viking Diaries!

Materials required: Paper/pens/stationery

Materials provided: Maps, Old Norse personal names

Method: Imagine you are on a longship on your way to Shetland. You started your journey in Norway, and have been sailing for a few days. Write some diary entries describing your journey and your arrival in Shetland. Let us know who you are (are you a male Viking? Are you a child in a Viking family? Are you a mother? Perhaps the 'cover' of your diary might tell us!) and who you are travelling with (family, friends, any animals or pets - a dog, a cat, a raven!).

Describe things that happen on the way (perhaps you sail through a storm!), how long the journey takes, and what you see when you make it to the land. Do you meet anyone when you get to Shetland? Write down your thoughts about these unknown people, and what happens when you reach the shore. When, and how, do you settle down? Do you claim land? Do you name areas of land?

Use maps and drawings to help describe your journey.

