

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will understand the historical context of the Viking era and its influence on Minecraft.

Materials and Prep

- Computer or tablet with Minecraft installed
- Pen and paper
- Access to the internet for research

Prior knowledge of Minecraft gameplay is helpful but not necessary.

Activities

1. Research Viking history and culture online. Take notes on their way of life, exploration, and achievements.
2. Log in to Minecraft and create a Viking-inspired world. Build a village, longhouses, and ships using blocks available in the game.
3. Role-play as a Viking character in Minecraft. Explore your created world, interact with villagers, and simulate Viking adventures.
4. Write a short story or create a comic strip about a Viking journey using both historical facts and elements from your Minecraft world.

Talking Points

- **The Vikings:** "The Vikings were seafaring Norse people from the late 8th to early 11th centuries. They were known for their exploration, trade, and raiding activities."
- **Viking Society:** "Viking society was organized into classes, with jarls (nobles) at the top, followed by karls (freemen), and thralls (slaves). They had a strong warrior culture and valued bravery in battle."
- **Viking Longships:** "Viking longships were fast and versatile vessels used for both transportation and warfare. They were designed to navigate rivers, shallow waters, and the open sea."
- **Viking Exploration:** "The Vikings were skilled navigators who explored and settled in various parts of Europe, Asia, and even North America. They established trade routes and founded new settlements."
- **Viking Influence on Minecraft:** "Minecraft, a popular sandbox game, draws inspiration from Viking culture. You can find Viking-themed blocks, items, and structures in the game, allowing players to recreate their own Viking adventures."