

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand the daily life of Icelandic Vikings in Medieval Europe.

Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Access to online resources or books about Vikings and Medieval Europe

Activities

1. Research and take notes:

Use your resources to research about Icelandic Vikings and their daily life in Medieval Europe. Take notes on important facts and interesting details.

2. Create a Viking village:

Using your imagination and the information you have learned, create a drawing or diorama of a Viking village. Include details such as houses, boats, and daily activities.

3. Write a journal entry:

Pretend to be a Viking living in Medieval Europe. Write a journal entry describing a typical day in your life. Include details about your daily activities, food, clothing, and any other interesting aspects of Viking life.

Fourth Grade Talking Points

- "During Medieval Europe, there were groups of people called Vikings who came from different regions, including Iceland."
- "Vikings were skilled sailors and traders, and they explored and settled in many parts of Europe."
- "Viking villages were usually located near water, like rivers or the ocean, because they relied on boats for transportation and fishing."
- "Viking houses were made of wood and had thatched roofs. They were usually long and narrow, and several families would live together in one house."
- "Vikings wore clothing made from wool and fur to keep warm in the cold climate. They also wore metal helmets and carried weapons for protection."
- "Viking daily life involved activities such as farming, fishing, trading, and crafting. They also had social gatherings, storytelling, and played games."
- "Vikings believed in Norse mythology and had gods and goddesses they worshipped. They also had a strong sense of honor and bravery."
- "Viking society was organized into different social classes, with warriors and chieftains at the top and farmers and slaves at the bottom."
- "Vikings had a rich culture and left behind many artifacts, such as jewelry, weapons, and ships, which archaeologists have discovered and studied."